

# THE BUS STOPS HERE



## Safety Newsletter

July 4, 2025



SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE:** You may receive a letter from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) reminding you to submit your Medical Examiner's Certificate (Form MCSA-5876) to the DMV Medical Certification Unit. This letter serves as a reminder that the process of submitting medical certificates has not changed, and that CDL holders are required to always carry a valid medical certificate. Please be assured that STS/SBC has submitted your medical certificate to the appropriate DMV unit and will continue to do so on your behalf. If the letter you receive includes a specific submission deadline, please contact the Compliance Department through My Parking Space (MPS) > Requests. Be sure to upload a copy of the DMV letter so that the Compliance team can assist you promptly. We kindly ask you to avoid calling unless necessary, as this will help us manage requests more efficiently.



**NEW YORK STATE'S COVID-19 PAID EMERGENCY LEAVE EXPIRES JULY 31, 2025:** Starting August 1, 2025, New York State will no longer require the employer to pay for COVID-19 quarantine or isolation. This program started in 2020 to help people who had to stay home because of COVID-19. After July 31, 2025, if you need time off due to COVID-19, an option will be to use available sick time.

**CELEBRATING OUR TRANSIT AND PARATRANSIT DRIVERS:** Every day, our transit and paratransit drivers do more than just get people from point A to point B — they keep our communities moving, safely and reliably. Whether navigating busy city streets or assisting passengers with special needs, your role is essential. For many riders, especially seniors and individuals with disabilities, paratransit services are a lifeline. You are often the first and last point of contact in their day, and your kindness, patience, and professionalism make a lasting impact. Driving a transit vehicle requires more than just a license — it takes focus, quick thinking, and a deep understanding of safety protocols. From managing unpredictable traffic to assisting passengers with mobility devices, your expertise ensures every ride is smooth and secure. Thank you for your dedication, your professionalism, and your heart. You keep our wheels turning and our communities thriving.



**CROSSWALK SAFETY IN THE YARDS: A Step Towards Safer Workdays.** In a busy yard environment, safety is everyone's responsibility, and it starts with something as simple as using the crosswalks. Whether you are heading to your vehicle or the office, crosswalks are designated to protect pedestrians. Crosswalks are placed in high-traffic areas to increase pedestrian visibility, create predictable walking paths, and reduce the risk of accidents in active vehicle zones. Always use marked crosswalks, make eye contact with drivers, look both ways, stay visible, avoid distractions such as using mobile phones.



**CDL PERMIT CLASS:** We are excited to offer CDL Permit Classes on the following dates in July at our Safety and Training Facility, located at 1780 Smithtown Avenue, Ronkonkoma. This free class is a terrific opportunity for Driver Assistants, as well as friends and family, to learn more about the process of becoming a driver and obtaining a CDL permit. Everyone is welcome!

- Saturday, July 12, 2025, from 8am to 4pm
- Saturday, July 26, 2025, from 8am to 4pm



Wishing you a safe and happy 4th of July!

*"Keep your face always toward the sunshine—and shadows will fall behind you."*

