



A Partnership in Safety

October 17, 2025

National School Bus Safety

Week: From October 21–25, we observe National School Bus Safety Week, a time to recognize the critical role school bus safety plays in protecting the millions of students who ride buses daily. This year's theme, *"Driving Safely Together,"* emphasizes the shared responsibility of bus drivers, students, parents, and motorists in creating a secure transportation environment. School buses are among the safest ways for children to travel, thanks to strict safety standards and the dedication of trained drivers. As we mark this important week, let's also take a moment to honor the hardworking school bus drivers and driver assistants who ensure students start and end their school days safely. Their commitment and care make a lasting impact on our communities, and we thank them for all they do.



Health Insurance Open Enrollment runs from October 31 to November 18, 2025. Current members - please check your home mailboxes for your new rates effective December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2026. Please review your options and return the form to the Benefits Department by November 18. For new enrollment inquiries please email benefits@suffolkbuss.com beginning October 31, 2025 for rates and details. This is the final opportunity to enroll this year. Next enrollment time is September 2026. In December, we will be hosting a Lunch and Learn session on the Difference Card watch for dates and details in upcoming newsletters.



Other Coverage Options:

- **Marketplace:** [New York State of Health](#)
- **Medicare:** For individuals aged 65 and older, Medicare Open Enrollment runs from **October 15 to December 7**. Visit www.medicare.gov for more information.

If you have any questions regarding your health insurance options or enrollment process, please contact the Benefits Department at benefits@suffolkbuss.com.



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Lunch & Learn: Top 20 Stress Management Techniques

Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Safety & Training Center-1780 Smithtown Blvd

Join us for a special Lunch & Learn session focused on The Top 20 Stress Management Techniques, led by Richard Scheinberg and Katherine Joseph from Sunrise Counseling. The team will walk us through practical, proven strategies to reduce stress, boost resilience, and improve overall well-being both at work and at home. Whether you're navigating a busy schedule, managing workplace challenges, or simply looking to improve your mental health toolkit, this session offers valuable insights you can start using immediately.

RSVP to: lunch-and-earn@suffolkbuss.onmicrosoft.com

As we continue to prioritize safety, efficiency, and environmental responsibility, we remind all drivers to strictly follow our idling policy as outlined in the Safety Manual.

To help reduce fuel waste, engine wear, and air pollution, drivers must shut off engines upon arrival at schools or other destinations buses should not idle while waiting for passengers. Morning warm-ups should be limited to the time necessary to reach proper operating temperature, not exceeding five minutes. Drivers must never leave a bus unattended while the engine is running. By adhering to these guidelines, we help keep our fleet running efficiently and contribute to cleaner air for everyone. Thank you for doing your part.



Netradyne empowers drivers to self-correct and reinforces positive habits. Early feedback indicates a noticeable shift in driver awareness, with significant improvements in performance scores.

