



Friendship Centers of Emmet County Transportation Guidelines

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As we know the outbreak of the respiratory disease named Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has now become a worldwide Pandemic. The virus has been detected in more than 90 countries, including the U.S. The first confirmed cases of the virus in Michigan have recently been detected requiring us to do our best to try and remain germ free. While the overall threat to the general public remains low, we need to approach this emerging threat to public health with an abundance of caution. As a reminder, we encourage Friendship Centers riders to practice good hygiene through the following steps:

- Stay home if you feel sick, and advise others to do the same.
- Always cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue or sleeve.
- Avoid close contact with people who may be sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and warm water are not available.

Friendship Centers have enhanced their procedures by having driver's disinfect handrails, headrests (grab rails), seats and other surfaces in each and every bus during their standard breaks and at the end of their shift. Our riders' health and safety continue to be of utmost importance to us.

In addition to sanitizing efforts, we are limiting bus rides to the most essential trips only. This includes medical appointments, shopping for groceries and picking up prescriptions.

Any questions or concerns feel free to contact Lisa at 348-3425.