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## **CITYBUS DRIVER TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19**

LAFAYETTE, IN, April 17, 2020 - A CityBus driver has tested positive for coronavirus. CityBus received confirmation of the test results from the employee on April 17.

The employee last drove a bus on Wednesday, April 15. The operator drove routes 6A South Fourth St and 6B South Ninth St on April 11. They drove routes 7 South Street and 3 Lafayette Square on April 14 and 15. The employee wore personal protective equipment for the duration of each shift.

Anyone who rode these routes within the last seven days should monitor themselves for possible COVID-19 symptoms. If you develop a fever, dry cough, aches, fatigue, or other symptoms, contact your healthcare provider immediately. Then, isolate yourself and avoid public transportation to keep from exposing others.

“Our top priority is the health and safety of our riders and staff,” said Bryce Gibson, CityBus manager of development. “We’re continuing to ensure the cleanliness of our vehicles, but we encourage passengers to help us ‘flatten the curve’ by avoiding public transit unless necessary.”

CityBus has taken a number of actions to protect the health of its staff and customers since the health crisis began.

- **Ongoing efforts**
  - Encourage physical distancing and limited use of transit
  - Provide appropriate PPE, including masks and gloves, to frontline workers
- **March 2**
  - Improved cleaning regimen for all buildings, including additional cleaning of hard and high-touch surfaces
  - Improved cleaning regimen for all vehicles, including daily use of commercial-grade disinfectant foggers
  - Allowed employees potentially vulnerable to complications from COVID-19 to use paid time off or work remotely
- **March 19**

- Closed priority seating in the front of the bus to all but the elderly, disabled and those using mobility devices
- **March 23**
  - Eliminated most campus loop and apartment shuttle service
- **March 27**
  - Closed the CityBus Center and administrative office lobby to the public
  - Fare collection temporarily suspended to limit contact between operators and passengers
- **March 30**
  - Reduced city route service to Saturday schedules Monday through Saturday
- **April 7**
  - Installed Plexiglas barriers on all fixed route transit buses

## **ABOUT CITYBUS**

*CityBus (Greater Lafayette Public Transportation Corporation) is a municipal corporation established in 1971. CityBus provides over 5 million annual rides for Greater Lafayette passengers, including ADA paratransit services for people with disabilities.*

*For service reductions and other coronavirus-related information, please visit <https://gocitybus.com/alert/citybus-covid-19-response-and-emergency-reduction-plan>.*