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**July 9, 2021**

The Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission's (GCRPC) Transportation Services Department has done an excellent job at implementing new safety procedures to provide a clean and safe ride to passengers throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. After thorough review of the most current COVID-19 data, GCRPC has determined that social distancing requirements are no longer necessary on our public transportation buses.

Lifting social distancing requirements will occur in phases for each of the services we provide. The following list indicates the service affected and date of implementation:

- **Phase One - Commuter Routes:** Return to full capacity, effective July 1, 2021.
- **Phase Two – Fixed and Flex Routes:** Return to full capacity, effective July 15, 2021.
- **Phase Three – Paratransit and Rural Services:** Return to full capacity, effective August 1, 2021.

GCRPC will continue to monitor local, state, and federal guidance and follow all cleaning protocols established. Each bus will remain outfitted with a plastic partition for Bus Operator and Passenger protection. Hand sanitizer will still be made readily available to all passengers on every bus and buses will continue to be sanitized daily.

GCRPC will continue to enforce the following:

- ***Passengers and Bus Operators are required to wear a mask on all busses.***

Disposable masks will also be available upon request.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we take these first steps toward a return to normalcy.

Please direct any questions or concerns regarding GCRPC Public Transportation Services to Lisa Cortinas, Director of Transportation Services, at [lisac@gcrpc.org](mailto:lisac@gcrpc.org).