**COVID-19 Information** 

#### Update: April 19, 2022

As a result of a court order, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) January 29, 2021 <u>Order</u> requiring masks on public transportation conveyances and at transportation hubs is no longer in effect. Therefore, CDC will not enforce the Order. CDC continues to recommend that people wear masks in indoor public transportation settings at this time.

In light of this ruling and latest TSA guidance, HARTransit continues to recommend masking on its buses, especially noting an increase in positive COVID tests statewide, but will not enforce the masking rule. This update is subject to additional clarification or change.

Reminder, the state-wide Weekend Wheels Fare-Free bus service runs through the Labor Day holiday weekend.

Beginning September 7, regular fares resume on buses on weekends and holidays. To purchase passes online please go to: <u>www.hartransit.com/fares-and-passes</u>

We are aware of the CDC's recent guidance as it relates to indoor face covering regulations for fully vaccinated individuals.

However, at this time, the guidelines for public transportation remain unchanged:

"On April 30, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) <u>extended the face mask requirement</u> for all transportation networks, including public transportation, through September 13, 2021."

If you need a mask, we offer them free at the Pulse Point Ticket Window and at our administration office.

We appreciate your continued support in keeping our passengers and staff safe.

**USDOT Mask Requirement for Public Transportation FAQs** 

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> Federal law requires wearing of face masks completely covering the nose and mouth when using public transportation.

NEED A MASK? JUST ASK!

If you need a mask - we have them to give out free to passengers at the Pulse Point ticket window or at our administration office at 62 Federal Road.

**UPDATE MONDAY 12/14/2020** 

For your safety and the safety of others, please continue to wear a face mask.

Now that fare collection has resumed, please board the bus using the front door, and exit the bus using the rear door.

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# <u>Please note:</u> Some bus windows may be open to promote air circulation during the pandemic.

#### UPDATE MONDAY 7/28/2020

#### Are you in need of a face mask?

On Tuesday July 28, HARTransit will participate in the statewide effort to support Masks on Public Transportation. We will be distributing masks to riders at the Pulse Point between the hours of 7-9 a.m. and 3-5 p.m.

Please remember: we all have a responsibility to keep each other safe.

#### UPDATE THURSDAY 5/27/2020

#### **EFFECTIVE 5/27/2020 - UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Metro-North has again modified the train schedule. Please see reduced shuttle schedules below.

**Danbury - Brewster >** 

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<u>New Fairfield - Southeast ></u>

## **<u>Ridgefield - Katonah ></u>**

#### UPDATE WEDNESDAY 5/20/2020

# Bus drivers and fellow passengers are counting on you to do the right thing.

**<u>Remember These Simple Guidelines as the State Reopens:</u>** 

Wear a mask or face covering.

Sit away from others.

Do not travel if you are sick or suspect you may be sick.

Do not travel if you do not have to.

**Enter and Exit the Bus Through The Rear Doors.** 

All Riders Must Exit the Bus During Layovers.

Always leave at least six feet between you and the bus driver.

## UPDATE MONDAY 4/20/2020

**Governor's Order Regarding Face Coverings -**Effective at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2020 and until ×

### further notice:

Protect yourself and others: Passengers should wear a mask or cloth face covering on all HARTransit buses, at bus stops and at the Pulse Point. Also please remember, public transportation is for essential travel only.

# Read more on Governor Lamont's new face covering requirements here:

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Or ders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-<u>No-7BB.pdf?la=en</u>

### UPDATE THURSDAY 4/9/2020

### **EFFECTIVE 4/13/2020 - UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Metro-North has again modified the train schedule. Please see reduced shuttle schedules below.

**Danbury - Brewster >** 

<u>New Fairfield - Southeast ></u>

<u>Ridgefield - Katonah ></u>

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# UPDATE THURSDAY 4/9/2020

# For your safety - and for the safety of others:

# PLEASE WEAR A PROTECTIVE MASK WHEN RIDING BUS

# **DO NOT RIDE IF YOU ARE SICK**

# PLEASE COVER YOUR COUGH OR SNEEZE

## UPDATE THURSDAY 3/26/2020

## **EFFECTIVE 3/27/2020 - UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

## Metro-North is running a modified Saturday Schedule Monday through Friday. Please see reduced shuttle schedules below.

# **Danbury - Brewster >**

<u>New Fairfield - Southeast ></u>

<u>Ridgefield - Katonah ></u>

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### UPDATE TUESDAY 3/24/2020

## **Travel by Bus for Essential Workers & Errands Only**

### Do not travel on the bus if you do not need to.

Take the bus ONLY if you are an essential worker or need supplies like groceries and medicine.

Please leave the buses for the people who really need them.

Governor Lamont has issued an order that all non-essential businesses will close on Monday, 3/23/2020 at 8 PM.
Bus transit remains in operation. It remains in operation so that important workers, like medical staff, can get to their jobs.
It also is important for citizens to get supplies like food and medicine.

If you do not have to travel, please do not take the bus.

UPDATE FRIDAY 3/20/2020

### Board and Exit at the Rear Door of the Bus

# Beginning on March 20th, 2020, and until further notice, HARTransit drivers will not be enforcing fare collections.

Riders are advised to board and exit using the rear door of the bus.

This will help maintain social distancing to protect drivers and passengers.

Riders with mobility devices and those requiring the "kneeling" of the bus, may continue to use the front door.

Also, during this period, transfer passes are not needed.

## UPDATE WEDNESDAY 3/18/2020

HARTransit will institute several new measures to do our part to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus:

# Effective Thursday, March 19th, the HARTransit administration office will be closed to the public for all walk in visits.

Persons needing to purchase passes are encouraged to conduct business online or by mail.

For online purchases and more information about purchasing passes, please go to: <u>http://www.hartransit.com/fares-and-passes</u>

## The Pulse Point ticket widow will be open an extra hour - closing at 10am.

For patrons who find it impossible to transact business via the methods outlined above, please call ahead at 203-744-4070 to schedule an appointment to come to the office. There will be no admission to office without an appointment.

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## **UPDATE MONDAY 3/18/2020**

# Please take steps to protect yourself and the community from the spread of novel coronavirus.

HARTransit buses are disinfected daily.

Help keep yourself and others healthy. Don't travel if you are sick.

Consult your doctor about your symptoms before travel.

Cover your cough or sneeze. Avoid touching your face.

Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly.

We appreciate all efforts by the public to follow these guidelines. We continue to coordinate with the Danbury Department of Health as they monitor novel coronavirus and COVID-19.

## <u>Currently, we are operating service as scheduled to connect you</u> <u>with your important destinations.</u>

Questions regarding the spread of COVID-19 can be directed to United Way's 2-1-1 hotline.

You can also text "CTCOVID" to 898211.

For further information, please see:

https://www.danbury-ct.gov/covid19/