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**SPRINGFIELD, OH (April 2, 2020)**

#### **SCAT Adds Additional Safety Measures**

Springfield City Area Transit (SCAT) has added additional sanitation and safety measures in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak.

“We continue to take the extra steps necessary to keep drivers and riders as safe as possible,” said Logan Cobbs, Assistant to the City Manager, City of Springfield. “We want to ensure that those who rely on public transportation in our community still have the access they need in the safest conditions we can create.”

Modifications to SCAT’s operating procedures will be made with the advice and recommendations of public health officials, as it pertains to the health and safety of the community.

Additional safety measures include:

- Some seats have been blocked off to ensure that riders remain 6 feet apart from one another
- A maximum number of people are permitted to ride due to the social distancing measure; if busses are at capacity, an additional bus will be sent
- Riders are encouraged to practice social distancing at stops
- Riders are asked to only travel when essential
- Riders should only purchase SCAT passes from reputable dealers

Safety measures already in place:

- All transit vehicles are equipped with gloves, sanitary wipes and hand sanitizer
- The interior of transit vehicles are cleaned thoroughly each day

- Stops at Market Square are thoroughly cleaned twice daily
- During boarding, drivers are instructing riders to seat themselves in safe distance from one another
- Drivers will sanitize the hand rails and fair boxes after each route

For more information on public transportation in Springfield, please go to [springfieldohio.gov/SCAT](http://springfieldohio.gov/SCAT).

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