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LBT Bus Operator Tests Positive for COVID-19

LONG BEACH, Calif. (April 23, 2020) – Long Beach Transit was notified on April 21, 2020 that a bus Operator tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. While the employee has not worked or interacted with customers since April 11, 2020, out of an abundance of caution, LBT is reporting the situation to the public.

As the safety of customers and employees is a top agency priority, LBT does not believe the employee had any close contact with the public while infected. Other LBT employees that may have come in contact with said employee have been notified. The LBT employee has not been on the job since April 11 and it is believed that they did not contract COVID-19 while performing their job duties.

LBT continues to promote CDC best practices while providing vital transportation services, such as social distancing onboard buses and washing hands frequently. All bus Operators have been given gloves and protective masks while operating agency vehicles, and customers are being asked to skip a seat or skip a row onboard buses to stop the spread of COVID-19. In accordance with City directives, customers are also supposed to wear face masks while onboard LBT buses.

Moreover, LBT implemented an enhanced cleaning process on March 5, 2020 that is ongoing. The process includes thoroughly cleaning high contact areas with disinfectants, such as Bus Operator compartments, panels, doors, handrails, interior window frames, pull cords, seats, stanchions and fare collection devices. LBT continues to work with the City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and other partners to minimize the spread of the coronavirus and appreciates the support and patience of all customers during this very challenging time.

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