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To: Chillicothe Transit Riders

From: Asti Powell, Transit Director

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Re: Mask Requirement & Reasonable Accommodation

Per Ohio Department of Health's *Director's Order for Facial Coverings*, masks are required when "waiting for, riding, driving, or operating public transportation". All drivers and riders are required to wear a mask when on the bus or at the transit facility except for:

- Individuals under ten years of age.
- Those with a medical condition or disability that contraindicates the wearing of a facial covering.
- Individuals communicating or seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing impaired or another disability where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), reasonable modifications will be made to the face mask policy for individuals with a disability or medical condition preventing them from wearing a mask when possible. Reasonable modifications may include:

- Allowing a full-face shield instead of a face mask
- Scheduling a single paratransit trip instead of riding on a fixed-route bus

Reasonable modifications requests are evaluated on a case by case basis and must be requested prior to your trip. To request a reasonable modification contact Asti Powell, CTS Transit Director at 740-773-1569 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Requests will be evaluated within 2 working days.

Please keep in mind, reasonable modification is not required if an individual poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others. A direct threat includes COVID symptoms.

Please do your part to help keep the Chillicothe Transit drivers and riders safe during this unique and challenging time.