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COLTS Taking Preventive Measures in Preparation for COVID-19

Scranton, Pa. – The County of Lackawanna Transit System (COLTS) has announced that it is following Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and monitoring daily all reports and updates regarding the human coronavirus in the case that the virus is reported in our service area.

"COLTS is taking this very seriously as reports indicate it will get worse before it gets better," said Executive Director Bob Fiume. "Although our buses and vans are already cleaned regularly, we are stepping up the cleaning process and we assure our riders that public transit is safe to use. We are in regular communications with peer transit agencies across the state and nation to share information about best practices and preventive measures."

COLTS drivers will have sanitizers and wipes on their vehicles. Additionally, all high touch areas on buses, vans, and at the Lackawanna Transit Center, such as door handles and railings, will be sanitized more frequently.

COLTS is mandating that all employees with travel plans (or who have recently traveled) report to their supervisors. Additionally, COLTS asked that if an employee become infected or has come into contact with someone with the virus, he or she report it to COLTS immediately.

"The virus is here, and we are doing our due diligence to help slow down its spread," Mr. Fiume added. "The safety of our passengers and employees is our top priority."

COLTS has added a section on its web site and posted fliers at the Lackawanna Transit Center with information from the CDC regarding common sense hygiene practices. For more information about COVID-19, please see <u>cdc.gov</u>.