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Butler County General Health District

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Potential COVID-19 exposure on bus

BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO – The Butler County General Health District (BCGHD) is currently investigating a potential COVID-19 exposure on several City of Middletown Transit (MTS) and Butler County Regional Transit Authority (BCRTA) buses.

Public health officials believe the risk for developing an infection is low. However, out of an abundance of caution people who were on MTS and BCRTA Blue Line and Green Line in Middletown during the hours of 6:30 AM – 1:30 PM, from May 27 – June 5, are asked to please self-monitor for 14 days after your last ride on any of these routes, during the dates listed.

The symptoms to monitor are as follows:

- Fever
 - Temperature higher than 100.4° even if you don't feel feverish.
 - If you feel feverish with a temperature higher than your normal.
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath or new difficulty breathing
- New fatigue
- New muscle or body aches
- New headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- New Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- New diarrhea

If you develop any of these symptoms please contact a healthcare provider and ask about getting tested. Please do not walk-in without calling ahead to any healthcare provider if you believe that you have the symptoms of COVID-19.

BCGHD is contacting anyone believed to have been in close contact with an infected individual. Should you receive a call or letter from the Health District, we encourage your complete cooperation.

Some things that you can do to keep your close contacts (family members, friends, coworkers, etc.) safe are as follows:

- Wear a mask. This is a simple way to reduce the spread of droplets that could carry the virus.
- Wash your hands thoroughly. This is one of the most proven methods to prevent disease transmission.
- Take your temperature. While we know not everyone will get a fever, this is the most common symptom.
- Understand what is normal for you. If you feel off, something is probably off.
- Avoid mass gatherings. Some people never develop symptoms or get symptoms so mild that they do not know they are sick, but we know that they can spread it to others.
- Stay 6 ft. away from others. Studies show that this is likely the maximum range the virus can travel in droplets spread from your mouth. Make this even more effective by wearing your mask.
- Stay home if you're sick.
- Avoid interacting with your high-risk loved ones until your incubation period is over.

For more information on COVID-19 visit BCGHD's website at <http://health.bcoho.us/> or the Ohio Department of Health at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov>. For more information about MTS and BCRTA's cleaning procedures and COVID-19 prevention measures please visit <https://www.butlercountyrta.com>

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