December 24, 2020

Dear Transit Partners,

The purpose of this letter is to provide additional information, based on questions and suggestions received from transit partners around the state since the initial Public Transportation Provider Guidance was issued on November 3, 2011. The attached updated guidelines remain mandatory for all transit providers operating in Colorado, with changes made to clarify definitions and assist with compliance objectives, ultimately protecting the health of all residents of and visitors to Colorado.

In addition to the clarifications in the guidance, please also find attached a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and a full-blown supporting document known as the Short Term Pandemic Protocols (STPP). The former is intended to address more of the "why" and "how" questions relative to the guidance. The latter (STPP) is intended to be an all-in-one supporting document for transit agencies, thoroughly covering every aspect of the 3-page Guidance in a how-to / standard-operating-protocol level of detail. This will assist all transit agencies, and especially those which have not had the time or resources to track down all the details on their own.

We know that vaccines are starting to be distributed, but that it will be some time, likely summer, before enough of the State's population is vaccinated such that health restrictions can be relaxed. Until then, this is not a time to lose vigilance in the fight against COVID-19. CDOT stands ready to continue helping transit organizations across the state share best practices and work through obstacles. We appreciate your continued attention to this important issue and look forward to continuing to work together.

Respectfully,

Shoshana M. Lew
Executive Director, Colorado Department of Transportation

Attachments:
COVID-19 Public Transportation Provider Guidance
COVID-19 Public Transportation Provider FAQs
Colorado Pandemic Protocols for Transit