Community Leaders:

Based on the continued COVID-19 event, the EMS has made the following reductions in Community Transit service.

We currently have just 3 vehicles operating, the services we are providing follows:

1. Dialysis transportation.
2. Medical Appointments (but not for anyone sick).
3. Travel for food, medicine, or banking.
4. Travel to work, only if the rider works at a grocery store, pharmacy, or is providing medical care.
5. The Gratiot corridor shuttle is also continuing to operate.

We have temporarily suspended:

1. Airport service with the exception of persons we need to return, who have been out of town.
2. All School trips, other programs, and discretionary trips have been cancelled.

Further, today the EMS placed on furlough 5 of our Community Transit drivers, providing them the following information and affording them eligibility for unemployment insurance, based on the Governors Executive Order:

***“You are being placed on temporary leave due to the COVID-19 emergency.  We expect to have work available within 120 days, you are not being terminated. You may file for unemployment at*** [***www.michigan.gov/uia***](http://www.michigan.gov/uia) ***and click on the File Unemployment Claims Online link.”***

We will reinstate FULL service, as soon as it is deemed safe to do so, as always please call with any questions.

Wishing everyone safety and health during this unprecedented time, Jeff

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