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Yolobus Operator Tests Positive for COVID-19

Transit Agency Following CDC Recommendations to Protect Others

WOODLAND, Calif. – Yolobus was notified on July 13, 2020 that an employee of Transdev, the contractor that operates transit services for Yolobus, tested positive for COVID-19 and is in quarantine. The operator has not been at work or driven for Yolobus since July 7th and has reportedly self-quarantined since July 10th. Due to confidentiality laws, as well as respect for personal privacy, Yolobus is not disclosing the identity of the operator, but wants to advise all riders of Yolobus fixed-route and paratransit services of the occurrence.

“We are sending our thoughts for a quick recovery to the operator. The health and safety of the Yolobus team, our passengers, and the community we serve remains our highest priority,” stated Terry Bassett, Executive Director of Yolobus. “Face coverings are required for both operators and passengers, limiting the possibility of exposure. All passengers are asked to wear their own face coverings, but a limited supply is also available on buses for passengers without them.”

Since the beginning of the pandemic, specific cleaning and disinfection processes have been implemented at Yolobus for an additional layer of safety. Both bus operators and utility workers wipe down and sanitize touch points between bus trips and utility workers disinfect buses deployed in service at least once a day using a medical-grade backpack fine mist sprayer

like those used at medical facilities. Transdev has also doubled the frequency of the misting process used to treat buses after they come back from morning peak hour service.

“We have rigorous processes and protocols in place to protect passengers and employees that not only meet, but often exceed the Center for Disease Control guidelines,” explained Bassett. “This vigilance for health safety is our top priority, since COVID-19 is still in our collective midst. In addition, all buses at Yolobus have clear plastic or plexiglass barriers installed at the operator compartment to aid with social distancing and operators have the option of wearing face shields in addition to required face coverings.”

The operator will not be eligible to return to work until medically cleared. This is the first known Yolobus case of COVID-19. Transdev has notified others who may have had prolonged contact with the operator so that they may be cognizant of developing symptoms.

"If members of the public have concerns that they may have come into contact with the affected operator, we advise closely monitoring their health and following all CDC guidelines, including contacting a medical professional should they develop symptoms," added Bassett. “For everyone’s safety, passengers are required to wear a face covering in order to ride Yolobus.”

The following are dates, bus numbers, routes and start times of trips the Yolobus operator worked since June 27th:

Date	Vehicle	Route	Time		Date	Vehicle	Route	Time
06/27/20	1709	42A	9:30 AM		07/04/20	1705	42A	4:07 PM
06/27/20	1705	42B	3:40 PM		07/04/20	1705	42B	5:05 PM
06/27/20	1705	42A	5:30 PM		07/04/20	1806	42B	6:43 PM
06/28/20	1808	240	8:10 AM		07/04/20	1806	42A	8:30 PM
06/28/20	1808	240	9:10 AM		07/04/20	1806	215	9:55 PM
06/28/20	1808	42B	11:05 AM		07/05/20	1901	42B	11:05 AM
06/28/20	1808	215	3:55 PM		07/05/20	1901	215	3:55 PM
06/29/20	1801	215	5:45 AM		07/06/20	1901	211	9:35 AM
06/29/20	1902	35	10:35 AM		07/06/20	1901	42B	9:59 AM
06/29/20	1902	35	11:35 AM		07/06/20	1901	42A	11:30 AM
06/29/20	1902	35	12:40 PM		07/06/20	1901	240	3:10 PM
06/29/20	1921	138	4:10 PM		07/06/20	1901	240	4:10 PM
06/29/20	1921	138	5:10 PM		07/06/20	1901	240	5:10 PM
06/30/20	1708	240	10:10 AM		07/06/20	1901	240	6:10 PM
06/30/20	1708	240	11:10 AM		07/07/20	1704	42A	6:30 AM
06/30/20	1708	240	12:10 PM		07/07/20	1704	42B	9:05 AM
06/30/20	1708	41	3:20 PM		07/07/20	1704	211	10:00 AM
06/30/20	1708	41	4:20 PM					
06/30/20	1708	41	5:20 PM					

As an essential service during the COVID-19 pandemic, Yolobus takes its rider's health and the health of the Yolobus team seriously. In order to protect the health and safety of everyone, please follow these guidelines until further notice:

Yolobus Rider Guidelines During COVID-19 Pandemic *(Effective June 8, 2020)*

- 1. Stay home if you're not feeling well.**
- 2. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.**
- 3. Bring and use your own hand sanitizer and face cover. All passengers and drivers must wear face covers.**
- 4. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.**
- 5. Cough or sneeze into a tissue, then throw that tissue in the trash. If you don't have a tissue, use your elbow.**
- 6. During the pandemic, in our effort to provide some social distancing, we encourage a limit of 15 riders on two-door transit buses and 26 riders on single door buses, plus the driver, on fixed route services. We also ask our passengers to try to leave every other seat on their bus vacant. Exceptions may be made for families or groups traveling together.**
- 7. Practice social distancing by staying at least 6 feet away from other people, where possible.**
- 8. Standees are not allowed on any bus, except families or groups traveling together on two-door transit buses.**
- 9. Subject to driver and bus availability, Yolobus may provide extra buses to offer additional capacity, once the seating limit is reached, but we cannot guarantee it.**
- 10. All drivers will deploy and use the sneeze shield at the driver compartment or wear a face shield.**
- 11. It is our intention to frequently wipe down touch surfaces on buses used in service each day.**
- 12. In addition to cleaning the touch surfaces as described above, buses used in service are disinfected at least once a day.**
- 13. We advise riders who are age 65 or over or who have pre-existing medical conditions that pose a risk with COVID-19 not to ride the fixed-route bus during the pandemic, but to instead call our paratransit number to register and arrange for their ride, subject to driver and vehicle availability, or to arrange alternative means of travel.**
- 14. Customers who remain uncomfortable using public transportation during the pandemic should consider an alternative means of travel, such as carpooling or another form of ridesharing.**

About Yolobus

Yolobus serves Davis, West Sacramento, Winters, Woodland, downtown Sacramento, Sacramento International Airport, Cache Creek Casino Resort, Esparto, Madison, Dunnigan, and Knights Landing, and connects to Unitrans and Fairfield-Suisun Transit in Davis, and Sac RT buses and light rail in Sacramento. A limited on-demand pilot program for Knights Landing residents was introduced in August 2019. For route and schedule information visit www.yolobus.com or call (530) 666-BUSS (2877).