



## Perry County Job and Family Services

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### **Transit On-Board with Protecting the Public**

“The goal for Perry County Mobility Management is to have all transportation partners in the county providing the safest environment for individuals while being transported on-board service vehicles,” stated Lisa Leckrone, Perry County Mobility Manager. An initiative to support this goal and reduce the spread of COVID-19, Perry County Transit adapted and is strongly suggesting all passengers wear some type of facial covering or mask. Because many people did not have access to the type of personal protective equipment that they needed, staff stepped up.

Staff began planning to supply and provide passengers with mask while boarding Transit vehicles. Each individual receives a bag with a mask to keep, and a CDC information sheet. Since PPE masks are a scarce item, employees, family, and friends began the process of making cloth masks. Other organizations such as the Perry County Retired Senior Program (RSVP) has donated homemade masks for public distribution. PCT is awaiting delivery of additional ordered masks. Perry County Emergency Management (EMA) and Perry County Mobility Management has donated PPE to assist in supplying for the public.

“The idea was developed out of concern for our high-risk customers going to medical treatments, shopping for essential goods, and employment. Staff gladly took ownership and they are now distributing masks to be utilized for added protection against COVID-19,” stated Supervisors at PCT.

Currently, Perry County Transit is providing outreach to the community in the form of calls. Staff are calling and checking on the well-being of their customers as well as any unmet needs. They are letting customers know of the current and new offering of pick-up and delivery of essential goods to the elderly, disabled, and individuals that are shut in as a result of COVID-19. Individuals in need of this service may call PCT at 740-342-2810 with their request.

PCT also reminds customers that essential rides are currently free due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.