CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESPONSE AND COMMUNICATION

The health of our employees and passengers is important to us at Dean Transportation. Dean Transportation is closely monitoring guidance from State of Michigan and federal officials related to K-12 education and travel throughout the United States. We are also working closely with our partner school districts, intermediate school districts and private agencies to enhance communication and procedures in response to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Dean Transportation has implemented steps to increase resistance to the virus on our vehicles and to enhance our staff education on the signs and symptoms of the virus. These procedures include:

**Vehicle Cleaning:**

- Dean Transportation has increased vehicle cleaning, with a heavy focus on hard surfaces and touch points in each vehicle. These include railings, school bus seats, and any surface that is commonly touched by students or passengers.
- Cleanings will be conducted by staff on a daily basis, utilizing only approved antivirals / germicides, such as a liquid spray called Halt®, Lysol, Clorox and other proven effective cleaners following the manufacturer’s protocols for proper application and effectiveness. Additional cleanings will be conducted whenever a student(s) exhibits flu like symptoms.
- Dean Transportation has sourced and already utilizes cleaning agents known to kill a very broad scope of viruses, including specifically those in the Coronavirus family.
- Disinfectant products will be available in all offices for additional cleanings as needed.
- Dean has developed a plan to maintain supplies and distribute to all Dean locations as required. A response team is in place to ensure supplies can be provided to each Dean location in a timely manner. Supplies and application are being closely monitored.

**Staff Education and Response:**

- All Dean Transportation staff have been trained in Infectious and Communicable Disease Management. Staff also have access to the protective gear on their vehicles for many common situations that occur on a school bus.
- Drivers are encouraged to communicate with students about taking precautionary measures to protect themselves if they exhibit signs or symptoms of COVID-19.
- Dean has posted the CDC’s guidance on COVID-19 in all offices and common areas.
- Travel to out of state meetings, conferences and trainings has been limited or suspended.

We recommend that everyone refer to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s Website for Information on Travel and preventive measures.

If you have any other questions regarding Dean Transportation’s response to COVID-19, please do not hesitate to call our Central Administrative Office at 517-319-3300.