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### **READI-RIDE UPDATES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 GUIDELINES**

The City of Dixon's public transit service, Read-Ride, continues to refine services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. While the City must take into consideration both Staff and Public safety, we are continuing to update practices as the need arises. As previously announced, Read-Ride has increased cleaning and disinfecting procedures, taped off a number of rows throughout the buses, and limited the number of riders per bus.

Read-Ride drivers still maintain the right to refuse service if symptoms of illness are displayed but staff is also now requiring passengers wear a cloth face covering per the California Department of Public Health mandate released on June 18, 2020. If a rider does not have a face covering, they will be asked to obtain a face covering prior to entrance on the bus. This mandate states that "People in California must wear face coverings when they are in the high-risk situations listed below:... Waiting for or riding on public transportation or paratransit or while in a taxi, private car service, or ride-sharing vehicle." For individual exemptions to the mandate, or further information regarding the new restrictions, please visit the COVID-19 website created by the State of California at <https://covid19.ca.gov/>. Read-Ride drivers are still unable to handle cash. This means that only exact fare is accepted. If a passenger does not have exact fare, they will be asked to obtain the correct fare prior to entrance on the bus.

Again, these changes are made in respect to both City Staff and Public Health and Safety as well as in compliance to the California Department of Public Health mandate. Staff would like to thank the public for their understanding as we continue to make changes.

For more information regarding the novel coronavirus and status, please visit the County's website at <https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/ncov.asp>. For more information on the CDC's recommendation of the use of cloth masks and resources to make your own face coverings, please visit the CDC's website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>. And again, for information regarding the current mandate made by the California Department of Public Health, please visit the COVID-19 website created by the State of California at <https://covid19.ca.gov/>.

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