

THE BUS STOPS HERE



Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING: January is National Human Trafficking Awareness Month in the US, making it an opportune time to take actions to learn about and lead in the fight against human trafficking! Look for students who:

- have begun to accumulate frequent absences
- demonstrate changes in moods, such as irritability or panic
- have new gadgets, designer clothes, other material items
- are dressed inappropriately for the weather or school
- show bruising, physical trauma, signs of branding/tattooing
- acknowledge having a pimp or needing to make a quota

Report any suspected trafficking to your supervisor!

STRESSORS FOR THE SPECIAL NEEDS RIDER: Triggers can be unknown stressors from the school day and/or from at home. A trigger can be losing recess, feeling hungry because of the loss of snack, if they are feeling sick or if there was a breakup with a boyfriend or girlfriend. If your rider didn't give an emotional reaction due to a trigger that happened while with you, it can be difficult to uncover the reason for the child's unhappiness, anger, or unsafe behavior. However, there are some strategies that you can use to continue providing a supportive environment on your bus. To intervene early means to disrupt the beginning stages of a behavior to avoid it escalating. The following are a couple of tips to help you proactively intervene early: -Use words that you know the rider understands; -Provide simple and descriptive statements. For example, "I see you have a calm body." Help the rider label his/her feelings, needs, and wants.



For example: "Your smile shows me you feel happy." Or "You seem frustrated by the way you are speaking." (Submitted By: Lisa Navarra MS Ed. Special Education)

ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE INFORMATION: In the past few weeks, as the infection rate has risen, there has been a lot of information pertaining to quarantine and isolation. The latest information adopted by the Suffolk County Department of Health pertaining to isolation and quarantine can be found at:

<https://suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Health-Services/Health-Bulletins/Novel-Coronavirus/SCDHS-COVID19-Guidance-and-Services>. Remember, the term isolation pertains to you testing positive for COVID 19; Quarantine pertains to being exposed. Everyone, whether you are vaccinated or not, can return to work after 5 days as long as you are fever free and feel good (symptoms are diminishing). **However, if you are not feeling good, and have a fever, you must stay home to help stop the spread.**

TESTING SCHEDULE: Family members are welcome to test at 1849 Pond Rd & Harold Ct ONLY

Tuesday, 1/18/22 [Rapid]	Bay Shore Hiring Center, 2309 Union Blvd, Bay Shore	9:30AM-5:30PM
Wednesday, 1/19/22 [PCR]	1849 Pond Rd Trailer, Ronkonkoma	10:00AM-12:00PM
Thursday, 1/20/22 [Rapid]	Coram Hiring Center, 2152 Route 112, Coram	9:30AM-5:30PM
Friday, 1/21/22 [PCR]	10 Harold Ct, Bay Shore	10:00AM-12:00 PM

FACEBOOK: This week's spotlight is David Leichter, Van driver for Commack School District out of 1849 Pond Rd.



"Out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope"

Martin Luther King, Jr.