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Transportation Information for EZ Riders

Moving Through The Pandemic



EZ Ride Shuttles - Your Safety is Our Priority

Several of our shuttles have already begun their operations and we are ready to re-launch the remaining shuttle services. Of course, the health and safety of the riders is our top priority. We have created a brief **video** showing the safety precautions being taken. To ensure your safety, we require that all riders wear a face

covering in our shuttles and limit seating to one passenger per row. Please visit our **shuttles** page to check if your service is up and running.

If your company is ready to resume operations, please contact: Kinga Skora 201-939-4242 ext. 131 or kskora@ezride.org



Governor Murphy lifts COVID-19 capacity limits on trains and buses

Per Governor Murphy's **Executive Order issued on July 13th**, NJ Transit lifted the 50 percent capacity limits on its trains, buses and light rails, as the COVID-19 pandemic has slowed down in our state and the New York City metro area, and more people began

commuting to work. This also applies to private carriers and employer provided transportation services.

"As we have undertaken our restart and recovery, and as more New Jerseyans begin getting back to their jobs, we are seeing increases in ridership which are beginning to approach 50% of the stated maximum capacity of these vehicles, and we want to ensure that people are able to get to their jobs and that the system continues operating as efficiently as possible. To be sure, all other coronavirus mitigation efforts implemented by prior Executive Order, including the wearing of face coverings by both NJ Transit and private carrier employees and customers while in all vehicles, remain in effect," said Governor Murphy. Face coverings are also required in all NJ Transit and private carrier indoor stations, as well as those outdoor stations where social distancing is not practicable.



Congratulations to the 2020 Winners of the NJ Safe Routes to School Recognition Program!

We are pleased that more than 100 schools and municipalities served by EZ Ride were recognized by the New Jersey Department of Transportation for their Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program, which included 51 Gold, 20 Silver, 18 Bronze, and 27 First Step awardees. These winners were recognized for their commitment and support of the Safe Routes to School program by enabling and encouraging children to walk and bike to school.

The Safe Routes to School program recognizes awardees for their hard work and commitment to the program, and recognition is valid for three years. Municipalities and Schools that meet the requirements for the NJ Safe Routes to School Recognition Program can ALSO earn points toward Sustainable Jersey and Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification.

To learn more about how to qualify for the NJ SRTS Recognition Program and get a head start on applying for recognition next year, please contact: Lisa Lee at 201-939-4242 ext. 123 or llee@ezride.org

>>Click here for a list of all current NJ SRTS winners <<



EZ Ride's Bike & Pedestrian Team Offers Resources Online

EZ Ride now offers many age-appropriate online **Bike Safety presentations** with videos and worksheets in English, Spanish, Hindi and Arabic languages, which is available for free for all students. More than 16,000 students have already taken

advantage of these presentations. We have updated our safety presentations and added safe travel tips regarding Covid-19.

EZ Ride has also created a new library of more than 150 **Bike and Pedestrian resources** that include videos, activities, and information for students, parents, and adults who want to promote biking and walking safety.

During this summer season more people are out walking and biking in their neighborhoods. EZ Ride's top priority is to ensure they are doing so in the safest and healthiest way.

For more information please contact:

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EZ Ride offers "Safe Routes to School Travel Toolkit"

The **Safe Routes to School Travel Toolkit**, provides information about the commute to school options in the context of COVID-19 and especially addresses safety and social distancing plans. The toolkit was sent to more than 1,000 school principals and

administrators in EZ Ride's service area that could benefit more than 500,000 students and their families.

The toolkit is designed to help and keep pedestrians and bicyclists informed and safe. It includes five distinct sections: walking, biking, busing, driving, and school access points and each section also provides suggestions and benefits.

The toolkit could help:

• Students – Be safe when travelling to and from school

- School administrators Face the challenges with the reopening of schools
- Parents Alleviate their anxiety about the reopening of schools

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Stay Safe and Healthy







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