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### February 2021 Edition

Welcome to the February 2021 edition of NJCU Moves. In this monthly newsletter we will continue to share important updates and reminders regarding transportation and parking options for NJCU students, faculty and staff.

Questions? Contact [communications@njcu.edu](mailto:communications@njcu.edu).

#### Latest News



#### Spring 2021 Shuttle Service

First Transit Shuttle Services are operating throughout the Spring 2021 semester.

The Express Shuttle operates continuously Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. - 11 p.m., Saturdays from 7 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The Loop Shuttle service operates Monday to Thursday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. and makes stops at the John J. Moore Athletics Center (JMAC), Visual Arts Building (VAB) and the Westside Avenue Light Rail.

Learn more on the [NJCU Parking and Transportation webpage](#). »

In the event of an emergency please contact [Public Safety](#) at 201-200-3128.



#### \$2 Ride Sharing Service Available in Jersey City

Last spring, Jersey City operationalized a partnership with the ride sharing service, Via, to better serve areas of Jersey City that may not have convenient access to mass transit.

Via is a technology-based bus system that provides ride-sharing services at a \$2 flat rate within Jersey City. It also offers discounts for seniors and low-income residents at \$1 or less. [Learn more about this service](#) »

#### More News Updates



#### West Side Avenue Light Rail Service is Back in Operation

Construction on three of the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Stations in the Bergen-Lafayette and Greenville neighborhoods was completed late in the spring of 2020. The Light Rail provides a fast, convenient, and cost-effective means to travel to the NJCU School of Business, the PATH station as well as many other destinations in Hudson and Bergen County. [View the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail map](#) »



#### Parking and Transportation Options for School of Business

Downtown Jersey City is home to a dense population of corporate offices, high rise residential units, restaurants, retail and more. NJCU does not own any parking downtown. However, there are cost-effective commuting options for those traveling to the School of Business.

- [The Hudson Bergen Light Rail Stations](#) at Liberty State Park offers public parking at \$3.45 per day. Monthly passes can be purchased for \$70.
- The ride sharing service, [Via](#), offers \$2 flat rates to destinations in Jersey City.
- The City of Jersey City offers [residents and non-residents parking permits](#). »



#### 2020-21 Key Parking and Transportation Notes

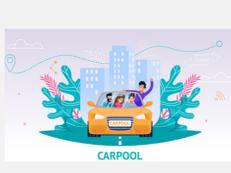
In light of the many changes the COVID-19 virus has forced us to address as a community, [we are instituting several parking and transportation alterations exclusively](#) for the 2020-21 Academic Year:

- The daily Gothic Card rate for parking in the GSUB/Lot 1 has been reduced to \$4.
- Only faculty, staff, and students have access to Gothic Card accounts. Visitors will continue to pay the daily cash rate of \$10. For instructions on how to use Gothic Card funds, [click here](#).
- Faculty and staff are encouraged to park in the GSUB/Lot 1 due to a reduction in shuttle services between West Campus and Main Campus. »



#### West Side Avenue Light Rail Station Offers Daily Public Parking

The West Side Avenue Light Rail Station will offer public parking at \$2.30 per day. Monthly passes for daily commuting and parking on campus can be purchased for \$46. [Apply today](#) »



#### Carpooling, Vanpooling, Cost-Saving Opportunities and More

The Hudson County Transportation Management Association (TMA) manages an effective carpooling service. Additionally, the Hudson TMA offers information that can ease the burdens of commuting —and save you money! [Learn more](#) about the TMA programs. »



#### NJ Transit Offers New Jersey Students Mass Transit Discounts

Full-time students at NJCU can save 25% on NJ TRANSIT Monthly Passes through the University Partnership Program. Getting the discount is simple. [Enroll through the NJCU website](#) for a monthly rail, bus, or light rail pass. Then, when you choose, conveniently purchase your pass using the NJ TRANSIT Mobile App®. »

## NJCU COVID-19 Transportation Protocols

Vehicle capacity is reduced and multiple cleaning and safety protocols are in place to insure the safety of the passengers and operators. These protocols are in accordance with Governor Murphy's [New Jersey Executive Order No. 165](#). Additionally, First Transit, the private operator of the shuttle services, is complying with [NJCU's reopening guidelines](#).

The protocols, precautions, and operational adjustments that have been implemented in response to COVID-19, include:

- **Updated cleaning procedures:** First Transit operated vehicles are disinfected every 24 hours using the approved chemical disinfectant Signet neutral disinfectant DS1. The disinfectant is applied to all hard surfaces, handholds, arm rests, and seating areas.
- **Eating and drinking prohibited:** Eating and drinking is strictly prohibited aboard all transit vehicles.
- **PPE and face coverings:** First Transit staff are required to wear face coverings at all times while operating NJCU buses and while on campus. During the assisted loading of passengers with mobility devices, First Transit staff use additional PPE, including face shields and gloves.
- **Barrier installation:** Barriers in the driver's compartment of the vehicle ensure social distancing between the operator and the passengers.

#### Reduced vehicle capacity:

- NJCU shuttle capacity is reduced to 25% of the maximum seated volume.
- Capacity rates are modified as safety protocols dictate.
- Signs on vehicles are displayed when vehicles have reached maximum capacity.

#### Client Social Distancing and Rider Responsibility Policies

First Transit is adhering to NJCU policies as follows:

- **Passengers experiencing COVID-19 symptoms are prohibited:** No individual experiencing COVID-19 symptoms may board a campus transit vehicle. Individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 must have cleared necessary quarantine and testing protocols before boarding a campus transit vehicle.
- **Face coverings required:** All passengers must wear a face covering when riding in a vehicle. Individuals with medical requirements that limit the ability to wear face coverings should contact NJCU's Department of Public Safety for guidance.
- **Protect yourself and the driver:** Passengers should not cross into the driver protect area of any vehicle, unless an emergency exit of the vehicle is required.
- **Boarding safely:** Passengers will continue to board through the front entry door as normal. Passengers with mobility devices will continue to board through the rear mobility device lift. All passenger boarding with mobility devices will be supported by First Transit staff.
- **Bus stops:** Individuals should maintain social distancing at bus stops.

#### Communication of passenger policies

- **Signage:** Information is displayed in all vehicles and bus stops detailing transportation policies and safety protocols.
- **Enforcement:** First Transit will ensure all passengers are notified of NJCU passenger policies in a respectful and appropriate.



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