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**Birmingham -Jefferson County Transit Authority Buses Will Operate at Full Seating Capacity**

**BIRMINGHAM, AL (Thursday, June 24, 2021)** - The Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority (BJCTA) will no longer require social distancing on its buses as they will operate at full capacity again beginning, July 6, 2021.

In March 2020, BJCTA made the decision to only allow 50% of seats on buses to be used due to the impact of Covid-19. Effective July 6<sup>th</sup>, customers can expect to board buses with normal seating, but masks are still required to board or when doing business at BJCTA facilities. "It is time to get back to normal. The world is slowly opening up and we want to give some sense of normalcy as we come out of the pandemic", said Executive Director and CEO, Frank T. Martin.

This decision is positive from the perspective that customers will no longer be denied boarding if the bus is not over capacity. No one will be allowed to stand during travel.

The Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority is the public transportation leader in Central Alabama. The Authority averages three million riders per year and has close to 300 employees. For more information, visit [www.maxtransit.org](http://www.maxtransit.org).

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