

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Bibus adapts its transport offering for workers in vital sectors during the crisis period and reminds people of the measures taken on its network to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.**

#### **Reinforced offering for care workers and staff in agri-food sectors**

Bibus is aware of the difficulties faced by some workers (care workers and employees in the agri-food sector, etc.) in getting to their place of work. Bibus has consulted hospital and nursing homes in the city about travel details and shift start and end times.

In order to meet their needs as effectively as possible, Bibus is reinforcing its transport offering at the start and end of the day with effect from Tuesday, 24 March.

Service times will begin at 6 a.m. and end at 10 p.m. with the following frequencies:

- 30 minutes on the tramway and line 1 Fort Montbarey – Hôpital Cavale
- 45 minutes on line 3 Océanopolis – Lambézellec
- 60 minutes on all other lines.

A transport-on-demand service will also be implemented between 10 p.m. and midnight for line 1 between Cavale Blanche and Hôpital Morvan. The service can be booked up to the day before for a specific journey by calling 02 98 34 42 22 (booking service operates between 7.30 a.m. and 7 p.m.).

Service frequency for the airport line (line 40) will be reviewed to match the flights to and from Brest Bretagne airport and the needs of workers in the Prat Pip and Saint-Thudon areas.

For more details about times Bibus asks passengers to consult the [bibus.fr](http://bibus.fr) website or mobile application.

Passengers can also:

- Consult real-time traffic information via Twitter, [bibus.fr](http://bibus.fr) and mobile application
- Ask questions via Facebook Messenger or private message on Twitter
- Contact a mobility advisor on 02 98 80 30 30 (available from 7.30 a.m. till 7 p.m.).

#### **Bibus reminds passengers of travel rules**

Bibus reminds all passengers that they must restrict their journeys to the bare minimum. Passengers must also travel with their professional travel authorisation or a travel restriction exemption on all journeys. All other journeys are forbidden.

Both in the station and aboard vehicles it is vital to keep at least one metre's distance from other travellers and to apply 'barrier' gestures.

### **Changes in service since the start of the crisis**

Reminder: Bibus has adapted its service since 16 March and made the following decisions:

- The Bibus store, which was open to the public, is deemed 'not vital to the country's survival' and has been shut down
- The cable car service has been completely shut down since 17 March
- Service has been restricted since 18 March in line with government announcements concerning the closure of non-vital shops. Service has been reduced as follows: Sunday timetables have been applied with service ending at 9 p.m.
- Deployment of a special service with effect from 19 March to enable workers at the Plougastel greenhouses to get to work along with a transport-on-demand service for nursing home staff with effect from 20 March
- The shuttle service has been maintained to enable people to get to markets (reminder: Tuesday morning in Saint-Marc, Thursday morning in Plougastel, Friday morning in Lambézellec, Saturday morning in Quatre-Moulins).

The above service changes may be altered in light of government announcements and decisions made by the Brest Métropole authorities. Bibus is working with the authorities to help implement all new measures they deem necessary.

### **Healthy protection measures in place**

It should be remembered that Bibus has been working actively since the start of the crisis to remind people of preventive measures for everyone throughout the network with in particular:

- Onboard ticket sales have been suspended since 14 March
- Implementation of the requirement for passengers to embark and disembark using only the central and rear doors since 15 March
- From now on, tramway doors open automatically at each stop to prevent contact with doors
- Prevention messages from health authorities have been broadcast on the Bibus network including the need to apply 'barrier' gestures and maintain minimum distances of 1 metre between individuals, which is repeated on screens displayed in buses and trams. Audio announcements detailing travel rules and fines for non-compliance are also broadcast.

Drivers have been issued with sanitizer gel and alcohol wipes to clean their cab along with a kit to care for a passenger who may fall ill (gloves, mask, instructions). Buses, trams and ticket dispensers have been disinfected on a daily basis since 18 March.

In this unprecedented health crisis the first concern for Bibus is the health and safety of its passengers and staff.



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