

PRESS RELEASE

On Tuesday June 22, 2021 the Brown County Board of Commissioner's extended free rides to December 31, 2021. Free rides and all expenses for rural transit are 100% fully funded through the State of Minnesota, CRRSAA (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act) and the American Rescue Plan. Only individuals free of any symptoms of illness should ride the bus. If you need supplies, but are feeling ill, please ask someone else to use this free ride offer to pick up supplies for you. Please call Brown County Heartland Express dispatch office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at 359-2717 or 1-800-707-2717 to schedule your ride. All ride requests still need to be made at least one business day and up to 14 days in advance of your needed ride. Heartland Express buses operate in New Ulm, Monday through Friday from 6:15 am until 5:45 pm. Buses also operate in Sleepy Eye, Springfield and Comfrey, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. All hours of operation are subject to change depending on demand and bus availability during this public health crisis. We always do our best to accommodate as many ride requests as possible while building route schedules as efficiently as possible. Your flexibility with specific pickup times will be greatly appreciated. We are also asking all of our riders to wear a mask while riding public transit per President Biden's mandate. If you do not have one, we will provide one for you. Brown County Heartland Express reserves the right to refuse service should we determine an individual is abusing this offer. Thank you for your understanding and choosing Brown County Heartland Express. We look forward to seeing you on the bus.