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New Electrostatic Sprayers Speed Process of Sanitizing Buses

Coupeville, WA – Today Island Transit started using electrostatic sprayers to sanitize buses in its fleet. Considered a best practice in fighting the spread of COVID-19, using the sprayers will cut the time it takes to sanitize each bus by about five minutes and more thoroughly cover all surfaces of the vehicles.

“We’re making every effort to safeguard our operators and passengers from the spread of this virus, “says Todd Morrow, Executive Director of Island Transit, adding that the agency is dedicated to continuously improving and adapting its procedures and protocols as more is learned about COVID-19. “The electrostatic sprayers make the process of sanitizing the fleet much more efficient.”

Since February, Island Transit has been hand sanitizing each bus daily with Clorox Healthcare Hydrogen Peroxide Cleaner Disinfectant, a medical-grade anti-viral disinfectant approved by the Center for Biocide Chemistries to be effective in killing COVID-19.

Island Transit purchased two Hurricane ES sprayers which are used for commercial areas including hotels, schools, warehouses, and medical facilities. The electrostatic sprayers work by charging the disinfectant droplets as they pass through the sprayer nozzle. These charged droplets actively seek out and wrap around the virus, killing it. The sprayer allows for 360-degree coverage of even tough-to-reach areas.

“As Island County starts to re-open certain businesses and services under the Safe Start plan for Washington, we anticipate ridership to slowly return to our buses,” says Morrow. “It’s important that everyone follow the guidelines for riding the bus which include social distancing and wearing a face covering.”

Health and safety information is posted on each bus and can be found on the agency’s website at www.islandtransit.org/covid-19-response

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