



# WESTMONT



## **STUDENT TRANSPORTATION** *SUMMARY FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS*

The Transportation Department is committed to meeting the transportation needs of students in a safe and reliable manner. There will be shuttle and on-demand service from The 955 available daily throughout the fall semester. However, the realities imposed on the college by the coronavirus mean those services will need to look a bit different for the time being.

### **SHUTTLE SERVICE**

- Due to the need for physical distancing, each shuttle will be able to accommodate approximately half the normal number of riders.
- Shuttles will be thoroughly disinfected each day prior to going into service.
- Plexiglass screens will be attached to the back of each seat to provide a physical barrier between rows.
- One student will sit in each pair of seats, and will sit closest to the window, thereby allowing appropriate physical distance across the aisle.
- Students will wear a face covering while they are on the shuttle and while they wait in line to board the shuttle.
- Hand sanitizer will be available as the students enter and exit the shuttle.
- When and where possible, windows on the shuttle will be opened to allow fresh air to enter the vehicle. When that is not possible, the driver will operate the vehicle's ventilation system on non-recirculating mode to pull fresh air into the shuttle.
- Shuttles will continue to drop off students near the residence halls as they always have. However, all students will be picked up in one location, which is the bus pull-off area directly across from the observatory. This will allow the driver to wipe down the high-touch surfaces in the shuttle at the conclusion of each trip and before picking up the next group of students.
- The shuttle route Monday through Friday will be condensed to allow each vehicle to make more frequent trips to account for the reduced capacity. The route will include the Montecito Vons, East Beach, and the Milpas Street Trader Joe's.
- On Saturday and Sunday, the shuttle will resume its normal schedule and route to include the downtown/State Street area.

### **THE 955**

- For those students who need to travel at a time or to a destination that is not accommodated by the shuttle, the college will continue to offer The 955 on-demand transportation service.
- The 955 will operate seven days a week.
- As with the shuttle service, riders will be required to wear a face covering while in The 955 vehicle. The driver will also be wearing a face covering.
- Each vehicle will be thoroughly disinfected prior to use each day, and the driver will wipe down high-touch surfaces after dropping off each rider.

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