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VINE TRANSIT PROVIDES FREE RIDES TO VACCINE APPOINTMENTS
Program supports equitable vaccine distribution by removing transportation barriers

The Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA) is offering free transit rides to and from scheduled COVID-19 vaccine appointments.

To ride free, customers must show a COVID-19 vaccine appointment confirmation in print or on a mobile device at the time they board the bus.

The free rides are redeemable on all Vine Transit services, on the appointment date shown on the confirmation.

“The safety of our riders, staff, and community continues to be NVTA’s number one priority during the COVID-19 pandemic” said NVTA Executive Director Kate Miller. “By removing transportation as a barrier, we’re protecting our community and supporting equitable COVID-19 vaccine distribution.”

Three Bay Area counties are now officially prioritizing their transit drivers as emergency workers: Contra Costa, Sonoma, and now San Francisco County for providing free rides to vaccination sites. NVTA is hopeful that Vine drivers will be added to the growing number of counties supporting public transit drivers as frontline workers.

Vine drivers have been working the front lines of the COVID-19 Pandemic by providing food and passenger transport to vulnerable populations countywide. Vine drivers also provided emergency evacuation to Napa County during the 2020 wildfires.

For more information visit <https://vinetransit.com/ridetovaccine>.

ABOUT NVTA

The Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA) serves as the Congestion Management Agency (CMA) for Napa County. NVTA is a Joint Powers Authority comprised of the Cities, Town, and County of Napa. NVTA is responsible for distributing state and federal transportation funds for local projects. NVTA prepares the county’s short- and long-term transportation plans, and works closely with its local, regional, state and federal partners to improve Napa County’s streets, highways, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. NVTA administers Measure T, the County’s ½ cent sales tax for transportation. NVTA also manages the Vine Transit bus system, providing local fixed-route service in Napa, door-to-door paratransit and community shuttles, and regional express bus service throughout the North Bay.