

## **Aapli buses working 24X7 to move corona suspects**

Nagpur: The Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) transport department has doubled the number of Aapli Buses to ferry suspected Covid-19 patients to quarantine centres. On directives of municipal commissioner Tukaram Mundhe, the department has made the buses available 24X7.

“Now, 60 buses are ferrying citizens from containment zones to seven quarantine centres,” a senior official from NMC transport department told TOI.

The NMC has deputed over 474 drivers in four shifts for the task, the official said and added that a maintenance staff of 145 people from the four bus operators is ensuring that no snag develops.

The NMC through three red and one ‘women’ only bus operators is ensuring disinfection of the buses after every trip. About 35 employees are deployed for spraying disinfectants in buses, especially on surfaces such as handrails, doorknobs, seats etc.

“Drivers and conductors have been instructed to always wear mask,” the official said. The NMC has also deployed 44 controller and 57 operational staff from DIMTS and four bus operators. Every staff member has been provided with masks, sanitisers and hand gloves.

Apart from 60 buses, the NMC had also converted three red buses – two midi and one mini – into ambulances. Ten buses have been engaged to provide food packets and ration kits to the needy people, stranded migrants in shelter homes and quarantine facilities set up across the city.

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