



Coronavirus/COVID-19 Transportation Update

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The Regional Transportation Agency of Central Maryland (RTA) and Howard County Office of Transportation have announced service modifications as fewer riders are expected to be utilizing services in the region due to the Coronavirus/COVID-19.

RTA fixed route will operate on an enhanced Sunday schedule during the week and weekend starting Wednesday, March 18 and run till further notice. Buses will run from 8:29 AM till 6:00 PM and provide one-hour headways on the following routes, 301, 302, 401, 403, 404, 405, 407, 408, 409, 501, 502 and 503. On vehicles with two doors, passengers are to board at the rear door unless a passenger requires a ramp. All fixed route and mobility fares will be temporarily suspended during the service modification.

RTA operations has proactively initiated an enhanced wipe-down service of all buses and paratransit vehicles to include disinfecting areas with high passenger touchpoints. *Professional Lysol IC Disinfectant Cleaner Concentrate* is being used on all surfaces including handrails, fare boxes, seats, seat backs, windows, doors and floors. All full size buses are using AC/Heat units on high fan to draw the cleaning solution through the ventilation system. Paratransit contracted cabs are using a Lysol spray after each passenger and have hand sanitizers on board. We ask that all riders use proper social distancing of six feet when on the bus.

****IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL, DO NOT TAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. This is for your personal safety and the safety of our public transportation drivers. Call your healthcare provider immediately and ask for their guidance and assistance.**

At this time, all RTA Mobility ADA certifications and interviews will be conducted over the phone. In office interviews are not available. All GPT trips are limited and only available for medical appointments social service agencies, and employment purposes. Rides will not be provided to schools or senior centers. . Please contact RTA Mobility for reservations and service questions, 800-270-9553.

To access real-time bus information use Transit App. For service alerts and announcements follow us @RTA_alert, @transitRTA or visit transitRTA.com. For the latest Howard County Government News regarding the Coronavirus/COVID-19, visit <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/News>

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