

# RIDER ALERT: COVID-19

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Like many of you, the City of DeKalb Public Transit Staff are closely watching what is happening with COVID-19 (Coronavirus) around the world and here at home. While there are no known cases of the virus in DeKalb County currently, the safety of our passengers, employees, and the community remains our top priority.

TransVAC and Huskie Line have implemented increased daily cleaning regiments for all vehicles used in public transit service. This includes disinfecting common areas of the vehicles such as stanchions, seats, handrails, and door handles. Bus operators are equipped with Lysol, Clorox Wipes, and hand sanitizer to ensure a sanitary environment within the driver's compartment and passenger area.

**The most effective way** to prevent the spread of disease are **things you can do yourself**. We strongly encourage everyone to follow these recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control:

- ✓ Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- ✓ Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- ✓ Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- ✓ Stay home when you are sick.
- ✓ Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- ✓ Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- ✓ **If you're experiencing symptoms and have traveled to areas of concern (or have been in contact with someone who has), call ahead to your health-care provider before you go in person. Arrange for special transportation to and from your medical appointment. Do not use public transportation.**

The City of DeKalb Public Transit Staff will continue to monitor COVID-19 related developments and take appropriate action in consultation with public health authorities.

For additional information about COVID-19, please visit [www.health.dekalbcounty.org](http://www.health.dekalbcounty.org).