



Coronavirus (COVID-19): Resources for Public Transportation Agencies

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has the likely potential to spread in the United States.

APTA has developed a standard of practice: [Developing a Contagious Virus Response Plan \(APTA SS-S-SEM-005-09\)](#). Please refer to this document to develop and implement your preparedness and response plan.

Important Steps

There are steps that public transportation agencies can take to [minimize the risk to employees](#), riders, and the general public. Each agency is encouraged to scale these actions for their system. Specific steps include:

- Update your agency's emergency preparedness plan to include [pandemic preparedness and response plans](#). Review the plan and conduct employee training.
- Update your agency's Standard Operation Procedures for cleaning and disinfecting bus and rail cars and stations and facilities;
- Educate and train employees about [proper hand hygiene](#), cough etiquette, and social distancing techniques;
- Develop work practices and controls to provide additional protection to employees and customers, such as the proper selection, use and disposal of personal protective equipment;

- Coordinate with your local governmental jurisdiction on their emergency preparedness plans.
- Provide information to customers and through your media platforms on the steps you are taking to minimize the risk to riders.

Resources for Public Transit

- [TRB National Cooperative Highway Research Program Guide for Public Transportation Pandemic Planning and Response](#)
- [TCRP Public Transit Emergency Preparedness Against Ebola and Other Infectious Diseases: Legal Issues](#)
- [Occupational Safety and Health Administration 2019 Novel Coronavirus Guidance](#)
- [CDC National Pandemic Strategy](#)
- [National Transit Safety Research and Assistance Center Epidemics and Pandemic Information](#)