



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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SRTA Response to Public Health Concerns Regarding Coronavirus

Starting Wednesday, March 25, 2020, SRTA will begin operating on a Saturday schedule, Monday – Saturday. Demand Response service will also follow the Saturday schedule.

As concerns about coronavirus on the south coast rise, we want to assure our passengers and employees that SRTA is monitoring the situation and are basing our response on guidance from the Governor Baker's emergency actions, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Our efforts to respond evolve with the situation. We are presently taking the following actions across our system:

- All vehicles and terminals are being thoroughly cleaned daily.
- Ridership patterns are evaluated daily to ensure adequate space for passengers and employees.
- Demand Response clients who need to renew service will automatically have their eligibility extended until at least June 30th.

Passengers are also encouraged to participate in helping to limit the spread of this virus. You can help by limiting your trips to essential rides. Maintaining distance between each other whenever possible while riding. Limit seating in the wheelchair accessible seats except for the elderly and disabled. Other things you can do include covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing (or by coughing or sneezing into your elbow), not littering or leaving any waste behind when you leave the vehicle, and most importantly by not riding if you have symptoms such as: a cough, fever or shortness of breath.

Information concerning the COVID-19 virus and the response changes minute to minute. Please continue to check the website and social media for updated information regarding transit service.

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