



COVID-19 Guidance for Passenger Transport and Vehicle Cleaning Procedures

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 and maximize safety of Passengers and Drivers, Columbia Area Transit (CAT) is currently providing essential rides following the guidance below:

- Both Passengers and Drivers are required to wear facemasks which cover the nose and mouth, when riding the CAT bus (CAT will provide face masks for those who do not have one).
- Both Passengers and Drivers should use hand sanitizer when entering and exiting CAT vehicles (CAT will provide hand sanitizer when possible).
- Maintain physical distance between each Passenger as much as possible by assigning seats and or restricting access to seats (One Passenger per vehicle for DAR if possible).
- If Passenger needs assistance while getting on or off the vehicle, Drivers use appropriate PPE (appropriately disposing of gloves after each use).
- CAT encourages people to stay home if they think they have come in contact with someone who has the virus or if they are experiencing symptoms.
- CAT has a strict sick policy and requires any employee with symptoms to stay home and get tested before returning to work (must have a clean bill of health to return to work).
- During transport, vehicle ventilation will be on non-recirculated mode to maximize air changes.
- Weather permitting, the outside air vents of the buses are opened in the driver area and rear exhaust ventilation fans are turned on to the highest setting to create a negative-pressure gradient in the passenger area.
- When cleaning the vehicle, protective clothing and gloves are worn. A face shield or facemask and goggles should also be worn if splashes or sprays during cleaning are anticipated.
- Environmental cleaning and disinfection procedures are followed consistently and correctly, including adequate ventilation when chemicals are in use. Doors remain open when cleaning the vehicle.
- All surfaces that may have come in contact with passengers or materials contaminated during passenger care (e.g., rails, handles, seats, panels, floors, walls, work surfaces, seat belts and wheelchair straps) should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected using a disinfectant following the product label (As per CAT policies).
- Wear disposable gloves when cleaning and disinfecting surfaces. Gloves should be discarded after each cleaning. Wash hands immediately after gloves are removed.
- If surfaces are dirty, they should be cleaned using a detergent or soap and water before disinfection (surfaces should be wetted before being swept to prevent spread of particles).