



UPDATE ON TTD'S TRANSIT SERVICE IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Tahoe Transportation District is continuing to operate its regular transit services, but coronavirus-related frequency reductions remain possible

March 27, 2020 (*STATELINE, Nev.*) – As the COVID-19 pandemic rapidly evolves, Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) continues to operate regular transit services for essential workers and services during the shelter-in-place order. TTD understands that public transportation is part of the community's critical infrastructure and is committed to ensuring that transit services remain safe and reliable.

TTD is not cancelling routes or reducing any services at this time. However, riders should be aware that service frequency reductions may be necessary in the future. TTD continues to monitor and review transit services to minimize impacts and provide as much advance notice as possible regarding any changes.

"Public transit is essential to the community," said Carl Hasty, district manager of the Tahoe Transportation District. "Our priority right now is to ensure that TTD's transit services remain reliable, while safeguarding the health and welfare of our employees and the community."

Any potential transit service adjustments in response to COVID-19 will be informed by the community's feedback, so TTD is asking riders to provide input on which routes and runs are most critical to their needs. If you haven't provided input, please email TTD at planning@tahoetransportation.org or call 775.589.5500 and press option 2 to participate in a brief transit questionnaire. Be sure to include contact information so that TTD may reach you in the event of any service changes impacting your routes.

COVID-19 recommendations and orders are changing rapidly. TTD is continuing to monitor and implement the latest preventative information and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and local, state and federal health officials. While TTD regularly cleans and sanitizes its buses, TTD has increased cleaning cycles and enhanced its safety protocols to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. TTD urges everyone to practice social distancing, follow proper hand-washing guidelines, and respect the buffer zone of empty seats around transit operators.

The CDC offers the following guidance to help protect yourself and others:

- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol**. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.**
- **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow. Properly dispose of tissue.
- Put **distance between yourself and other people** (about six feet) and **avoid close contact** with people who are sick.
- **Stay home if you are sick.**

For more information on the CDC's COVID-19 guidelines, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>.

“Transit must continue to operate to support workers who are keeping Lake Tahoe running,” added Hasty. “The remaining riders on the system are workers performing essential functions or people who need access to necessary health and safety-related services, so transit is providing a critical lifeline for the region.”

Public transit is classified as an essential service in the states of California and Nevada and may be used during a shelter-in-place order for essential travel. Under federal regulations, public transit is part of the emergency response system. If your travel isn't essential or you are not feeling well, TTD asks that you follow shelter-in-place orders and not ride transit.

For more information on TTD's transit services and updated routes and schedules, please visit www.TahoeTransportation.org/transit. Follow TTD on Twitter [@TahoeTrans](https://twitter.com/TahoeTrans), and connect on Facebook [here](#).

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About Tahoe Transportation District

The Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) is a bi-state agency responsible for the management and implementation of safe, environmentally sound, multi-modal transportation projects and programs in the Lake Tahoe Region, including transit operations. TTD leads multi-jurisdictional infrastructure projects to make travel safer, improve access to recreation, and reduce traffic congestion and private car use. TTD focuses on transit's pivotal role in improving air and water quality because more than 70 percent of the pollutants impacting Lake Tahoe's clarity come from transportation system and built environment run-off. TTD has delivered numerous projects to help reduce environmental impacts and address the high demand residents and visitors place on the region's transportation infrastructure, including transit solutions, roadway and safety enhancements, water quality improvements, and pedestrian/cyclist paths. For more information, please visit TahoeTransportation.org.

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