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MATA Is Preparing for The Potential Spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Disease

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – The Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) is closely monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID-19) disease and taking the necessary steps to respond to its potential spread.

MATA is working closely with the Shelby County Health Department and monitoring information provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as following other industry best practices.

Since the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a serious public health issue, MATA will continue to perform its daily vehicle cleanings which includes disinfecting hard surfaces. MATA also plans to implement additional cleaning measures as needed to address this health concern.

In addition, customers can practice the following preventative measures recommended by the CDC:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- 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 using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask. The CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19. Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for [health workers](#) and [people who are taking care of someone in close settings](#) (at home or in a health care facility).
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty. For more information about handwashing, please visit the [CDC's Handwashing](#) website.

About MATA

The Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) is the public transportation provider for the Memphis area. As one of the largest transit operators in the state of Tennessee, MATA transports customers in the City of Memphis and parts of Shelby County on fixed-route buses, paratransit vehicles and vintage rail trolleys. For more information, visit www.matatransit.com.

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