



# COVID-19 UPDATES

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I just wanted to touch base quickly before the weekend and let you know what the next week will likely bring.

- We will definitely continue to operate full service through the weekend and into next week. Public transportation is considered an essential service and there are many people who still depend on us to make essential trips. But, as we are all well aware, the situation is changing fast. We will continue to follow guidance by local, state and federal governments.
- Please be aware that today three members of a bus training class went home sick. We asked that the entire class go home. None of these people deal with the public or were in close contact with other staff members.
- What happens if you feel sick? First of all, please stay home. If you are at work and feel sick, immediately notify your supervisor and go home. Depending on your healthcare option there are different protocols. But in most scenarios, they will diagnose your symptoms over the phone and continue to monitor you remotely to see if you're better. Remember, there are no treatments for the virus as yet, so hospitals won't test for COVID-19 or admit patients without severe symptoms.
- Human Resources has put together links to help people navigate their health plans. Here are the links:
  - Kaiser Website:  
<https://healthy.kaiserpermanente.org/health-wellness/coronavirus-information>
  - Blue Shield:  
[https://www.blueshieldca.com/bsca/bsc/wcm/connect/sites/sites\\_content\\_en/coronavirus?utm\\_source=bscacomhome&utm\\_medium=primarycard&utm\\_campaign=COVID-19](https://www.blueshieldca.com/bsca/bsc/wcm/connect/sites/sites_content_en/coronavirus?utm_source=bscacomhome&utm_medium=primarycard&utm_campaign=COVID-19)
- Also know that Congress is working on a new package of emergency aid. We are working very hard to ensure that the Federal and State governments provide emergency aid to public transit agencies to offset lost revenue related to COVID-19. This will help us recover financially, so once we get through this challenge we can maintain a high level of service.

Once again, please know how proud I am to work with every one of you. You do exceptional work.

If something changes over the weekend, we'll let you know.

Paul