



COVID-19 UPDATES

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There were five additional positive tests for COVID-19 this past week. There were three Trolley operators, and two South Bay Transdev employees (one road supervisor and one bus operator).

There have now been 61 employees who have tested positive since the beginning of the health emergency. I want to reiterate that MTS and its contractors follow all protocols in tracing employee activity and contacting other employees who may have had close contact.

MTS and its contractors are also advancing ideas to strengthen our policy on the requirement for passengers to wear face coverings. We are finding that the vast majority of our riders are voluntarily complying with the rule, but we are receiving numerous complaints from other passengers that we are not enforcing the policy strongly enough. Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have chosen to encourage rather than enforce. This has been the policy of all law enforcement agencies. To help, our ambassador, security and marketing teams have handed out thousands of face coverings. But it still isn't enough. We will likely announce next week new protocols to more strongly encourage riders to wear masks.

There has been encouraging news from the County of San Diego in that the number of positive cases dropped below a state threshold for the first time since early July (less than 100 new cases per 100,000 per day). If the rate stays that low through the end of August, schools would have the ability to reopen (but still at the discretion of school districts).

Thanks again everyone for your hard work. Maintain all our safety protocols!

Have a great weekend.

Sharon