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Coronavirus Updates

Last Updated: 03/17/2020 7:00 PM

The safety of our riders and employees is a top priority for MDOT MTA. We are closely monitoring the coronavirus/COVID-19 situation to ensure our protocols are aligned with recommendations issued by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

MDOT MTA has proactively initiated an enhanced daily wipe-down of bus, rail, and paratransit vehicles to include disinfecting areas with high passenger touchpoints.

Service Status

MDOT MTA will implement service reductions on all vehicle modes effective Wednesday, March 18.

- **Local Bus** - to minimize operator contact with riders, MDOT MTA will implement rear-door boarding on all bus routes with riders encouraged to pay transit fares with the [CharmPass](#) mobile ticketing app, CharmCard® or paper ticket that will be visually validated
 - Based on rider feedback, MDOT MTA is delaying any changes to bus service to work with major employers to ensure core services are met. All CityLink, LocalLink, and Express BusLink routes will continue to operate on the existing schedules.
- **Light Rail** - on weekdays (Monday – Friday) Light Rail will operate on a Saturday schedule
- **Metro Subway**
 - on weekdays (Monday – Friday) Metro Subway will operate on a Saturday schedule

- At the request of Johns Hopkins Hospital, the entrance to the Johns Hopkins Outpatient Center from Johns Hopkins station is closed until further notice
- **Commuter Bus** - will operate on a "S" schedule only. Please check your route's schedule PDF for specific trips that will operate.
- **MARC Train** - will begin operating on a "R" schedule on all three lines effective Tuesday, March 17. Only train with an "R" under the train number will operate, with the following additional service.

Penn Line:

- Train 403 (4:45am departure from Penn Station) will operate
- Train 502 (6:10am departure from Washington) will operate and will make all stops
- Train 453 (9:37pm departure from Penn Station) will operate
- Train 452 (10:55pm departure from Washington) will operate

Brunswick Line:

- Train 872 (5:00am departure from Martinsburg) will operate and will make all stops, except Monocacy and Frederick.
- Train 875 (4:25pm departure from Washington) will continue west of Brunswick to Harpers Ferry, Duffields and Martinsburg
- Train 877 (4:55pm departure from Washington) will operate.

Camden Line:

- No additional trains. R schedule will operate as published.

PDF Schedules with "R" train designation are available here - [Penn Line](#), [Camden Line](#), [Brunswick Line](#)

Train timetables in HTML are available here - [Penn Line](#), [Camden Line](#), [Brunswick Line](#)

- **Mobility** - paratransit service will continue to book and provide medical trips such as dialysis, chemotherapy, hospitals, clinics, mental health facilities as well as trips to pharmacies and grocery stores
 - All other trips are canceled until further notice
 - All in-person eligibility certification assessments and determinations are temporarily suspended and will be replaced with desk reviews and telephone interviews
- **Transit Store** - State office buildings have been closed to the public. As a result, the Transit Store located at 6 St. Paul Street in Baltimore will be closed beginning Monday, March 16.
 - Fare products may still be purchased through the [CharmPass mobile fare app](#) and by purchasing CharmCard and Mobility ticket books from the [online Pass Store](#).
 - Fare products may also be purchased at ticket vending machines located at Metro SubwayLink, Light RailLink, and MARC stations.
 - CharmCard stored value and pass products may continue to be loaded via the [WMATA web portal](#).
- **Reduced Fare Certification Office** - State office buildings have been closed to the public. As a result, the Reduced Fare Certification Office located at 6 St. Paul Street in Baltimore will be closed beginning Monday, March 16.
 - Senior/Disability Monthly Passes may still be purchased from the [online Pass Store](#).
 - Reduced fare certifications that expire during this time will be accepted as valid until the office reopens.
 - Valid ID's as defined on the [Senior Reduced Fare Program](#) and [Disability Reduced Fare Program](#) pages will continued to be accepted.
 - Disability Reduced Fare application forms may be downloaded on the [Forms](#) page of the website.
- **Lost & Found** - retrieval of lost & found items may be delayed unless they are related to safety and security, such as medical devices, cell phones, and personal identification.
- **Meal Sites** - MDOT MTA will continue to provide service to the following student meal sites

Location	Address	City	Serviced By
Alexander Hamilton Elementary School	800 Poplar Grove St.	Baltimore	LocalLinks 29 and 80
Arlington Elementary School	3705 W Rogers Ave.	Baltimore	LocalLink 30
Beechfield Elementary/Middle School	301 S Beechfield Ave.	Baltimore	CityLink Purple
The Historic Cherry Hill Elementary/Middle School	801 Bridgeview Rd.	Baltimore	LocalLink 26
Paul Laurence Dunbar High School	1400 Orleans St.	Baltimore	CityLink Lime and Pink, LocalLink 56
Sinclair Lane Elementary School	3880 Sinclair Ln.	Baltimore	CityLink Lime and Pink

COVID-19 Prevention Tips

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



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**Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue,
then throw the tissue
in the trash.**



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**Wash your hands often with soap
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More Ways to Protect Yourself and Others

The everyday preventive steps have proven effective at slowing the spread of respiratory illnesses like colds and flu:

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol if soap and water are not available
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, your sleeve or your elbow
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using standard cleaning practices
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- If you are sick, stay home, except when seeking medical care

Stay informed by visiting the [Maryland Department of Health Coronavirus Information Page](#) or dialing 2-1-1

Additional information can also be found by visiting <https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19>

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Transit Information Contact Center: **410.539.5000**

Toll Free: **1.866.RIDE MTA (1.866.743.3682)**

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Monday through Friday 6:00am - 7:00pm

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