

BART preparations and actions in response to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

CDC Reports 14 Cases of Novel Coronavirus in the United States: 12 resulted from travel related and 2 resulted from person to person spread and additional 42 from the Diamond Princess Repatriation. No fatalities in the US have occurred.

Emergency Preparedness Update:

- BART Safety Officer and Director of Security Programs have assumed Emergency Management/Unified Command for Novel Coronavirus as of 7 Feb 2020.
- BART's Chief Safety Officer and Director of Security have reviewed the Contagious Virus Plan and the Ebola Plan and will activate if directed. If activated, the main impact would be teleworking for the majority of staff.
- Safety has verified warehouse stocks of hand sanitizer, gloves and masks for deployment to key employee work locations such as shops, yards, and offices. CDC has not indicated recommendations for dispersal outside of health care workers.
- BART is communicating regularly (daily and weekly) with CDC, Regional and Local Health/Public Health Officials. Communication with regional and state public health officials and public safety partners reports risk to the general public remains low.
- BART has advised all BART Employees on self-protection measures recommended by CDC.
- Chief Safety Officer, Director of Security and BART's Manager of Transit Vehicle Cleaning has reviewed the frequency of cleaning cars and potency of cleaning products. At present, BART's car cleaning procedure calls for a disinfecting wipe-down every 90 days as part of the "thorough clean" process in procedures. The disinfectant, Tec-Cide 128 is sufficient to kill viruses. Crews also wipe down handrails with Clorox wipe at end of line stations.

Customers and Employees Communication Update:

- 25 Feb 2020 BART MEDIA has updated the BART Website with messaging to the public.
- <https://www.bart.gov/news/articles/2020/news20200225>
Chief Safety Officer, HR, and PIO.
- 3 February 2020, Chief Safety Officer has drafted a message using State/County Public health language and preventive recommendations for BART employees that is for use at the discretion of the GM office.

- 11 Feb 2020 BART HR released message to Employees who have recently traveled to China stay home from work for 14 days since their last day in China. The message: “If your department has employees who have traveled to China and returned within the last 14 days, there is new guidance that applies, which requires these individuals to self-quarantine, in other words, to stay home from work or school for 14 days since their last day in China.
- BART had one Employee who returned from China on 3 Feb 2020, Member was asymptomatic, but Director of Security worked with HR to require self-quarantine and testing of individual as an abundance of caution. Member has tested negative and since returned to work.