

## **Coronavirus (COVID-19): Resources for Public Transportation Agencies**

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has the likely potential to spread in the United States.

APTA has developed a standard of practice: <u>Developing a Contagious Virus</u>

<u>Response Plan (APTA SS-S-SEM-005-09)</u>. Please refer to this document to develop and implement your preparedness and response plan.

## **Important Steps**

There are steps that public transportation agencies can take to <u>minimize the risk</u> to <u>employees</u>, riders, and the general public. Each agency is encouraged to scale these actions for their system. Specific steps include:

- Update your agency's emergency preparedness plan to include <u>pandemic</u> <u>preparedness and response plans</u>. Review the plan and conduct employee training.
- Update your agency's Standard Operation Procedures for cleaning and disinfecting bus and rail cars and stations and facilities;
- Educate and train employees about <u>proper hand hygiene</u>, cough etiquette, and social distancing techniques;
- Develop work practices and controls to provide additional protection to employees and customers, such as the proper selection, use and disposal of personal protective equipment;

- Coordinate with your local governmental jurisdiction on their emergency preparedness plans.
- Provide information to customers and through your media platforms on the steps you are taking to minimize the risk to riders.

## **Resources for Public Transit**

- TRB National Cooperative Highway Research Program Guide for Public Transportation Pandemic Planning and Response
- TCRP Public Transit Emergency Preparedness Against Ebola and Other Infectious Diseases: Legal Issues
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration 2019 Novel Coronavirus
   Guidance
- CDC National Pandemic Strategy
- National Transit Safety Research and Assistance Center Epidemics and Pandemic Information