



Berks Area Regional Transportation Authority
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BARTA Requests Riders Limit Non-Essential Bus Travel

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Due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), and out of an abundance of caution for Berks Area Regional Transportation Authority (BARTA) employees and the general public, BARTA requests that riders limit non-essential bus travel until further notice.

BARTA is working with federal, state and local governments to help limit the spread of the virus. Once on board, passengers are asked to leave extra space between themselves and others. This form of 'social distancing' can help protect you and others from the spread of the virus. When you arrive at your destination, please exit through the rear doors instead of the front doors to limit contact with the bus driver. Additionally, please stay behind the yellow line and limit conversation and interaction with the bus driver.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) advises anyone with fever, cough or shortness of breath to not go out in public. This means passengers should not ride the bus if they are experiencing those symptoms or think they may be sick.

BARTA continues daily disinfection process on all buses using EPA-approved and CDC-recommended cleaning products. Just remember that surfaces are only clean until someone touches them or coughs/sneezes nearby.

Future updates from BARTA will be posted at <http://www.bartabus.com/news-updates/coronavirus-information-and-update>. You're also encouraged to stay updated by visiting Berks County's <https://www.co.berks.pa.us> or the CDC's website at [Coronavirus.gov](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).

