



## City of Billings MET Transit Response and Information for the COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

The City of Billings MET Transit Division considers the health and well being of its passengers and employees the number one priority. In an effort to ensure passengers feel comfortable using the bus services, MET continues to be proactive with daily cleaning and sanitation procedures.

MET has the following efforts in place to help protect passengers and employees, which include:

- Hand sanitizer dispensers installed on every fixed-route and paratransit vehicle for passenger and employee use.
- Increasing the frequency and intensity of efforts to clean and disinfect vehicles and other public areas with cleaning agents specifically formulated to kill bacteria and viruses.
- MET has already been sanitizing common area counters, and other normal work/handling surfaces throughout the day and will continue to do so with an even stronger focus on disinfecting.

In addition, MET urges all passengers and employees to thoroughly wash their hands with soap regularly for at least 20 seconds, and utilize the available hand sanitizer.

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends everyday preemptive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask.
  - CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19.
  - Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for [health workers](#) and [people who are taking care of someone in close settings](#) (at home or in a health care facility).
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
  - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

All of these are easy and effective ways to avoid contracting or transmitting common colds, flu, and other viruses. As the situation with COVID-19 evolves, MET will continue to review best practices and make additional enhancements as needed in order to reduce the spread of germs.