



# KOOTENAI COUNTY

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

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### PRESS RELEASE

#### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR ESSENTIAL TRAVEL

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We are here to serve our community by providing public transportation for essential travel during these challenging times.

People rely on Citylink North regular routes, as well as the Paratransit and Ring-a-Ride senior programs, to get to medical appointments, grocery shopping, and to get to work for those people in essential jobs. We realize our service is vital to the community and many people depend on us. We take this responsibility very seriously and our goal throughout this situation is to maintain our regular service for our community members to get to essential services.

Per Governor Little's Stay at Home Order, which states "People must limit public transit unless to provide or obtain essential services," we ask that you limit all discretionary travel to allow those who need to travel to do so safely.

Citylink North has implemented additional stringent cleaning and sanitization measures to help keep our riders safe, and we ask that you follow the recommended best practices below:

- Social distancing: Practice social distancing by keeping at least six feet between you and other people, including our operators and employees.
  - Stand behind the yellow line to give your driver space.
  - Be courteous to your fellow riders and their space.
  - Move around the bus to an open space if available.
- Cover your cough or sneeze: Cough or sneeze into a tissue, then throw that tissue in the trash; if you don't have a tissue, use your elbow (and not your hands).
- Please stay home if you are not feeling well.

The situation changes daily, but we are in close contact with state, regional, and local authorities, and working with those agencies to ensure we are following best practices and all safe operational procedures and precautions.

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