



Cover Your Face!

Wear a cloth face covering in public - and on the bus - to slow the spread of COVID-19. Growing evidence suggests COVID-19 can spread before people show symptoms (pre-symptomatic) and from people who have coronavirus but never show symptoms (asymptomatic). Cloth face coverings help prevent spread of COVID-19 in these situations. [Click here](#) for Cloth Face Coverings Q&A.

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

Your cloth face covering protects them.
Their cloth face covering protects you.





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RIde driver David delivers a warm meal.

RIPTA Assists Meals on Wheels

Since mid-April, RIPTA has been using some staff and vehicles from its RIde Division to help Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island meet increased demand during this critical time. RIPTA is deploying some resources from its paratransit division to help Meals on Wheels fill some gaps in their delivery routes.

RIPTA has some paratransit vehicles and drivers available due the overall decline in public transit use at this time. "We take the responsibility of providing essential service very seriously," Avedisian said. "We are also aware of the need to be very flexible right now and to find opportunities to help people whenever we can. We are happy to be able to help Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island fulfill their vital role in our state."

The effort has been very well received, and RIPTA is glad to be able to lend a helping hand. "We are extremely grateful for and humbled by the generosity of these RIPTA drivers who are joining us to enact our mission everyday by providing our clients a nutritious meal, safety check and opportunity for brief socialization," said Meghan Grady, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island.

Commuter Resource Team Helps Family Service of RI

In keeping with RIPTA's commitment to help out wherever possible during these stressful times, RIPTA's two-person **Commuter Resource RI (CRR)** team is currently



assisting [Family Service of Rhode Island](#). Our commuter resource team typically spends a lot of time educating groups and individuals on how to maximize public transit use in our state. Now, they are out helping Family Service of RI deliver bags filled with food and other essentials goods to families, seniors and other people in need. Founded in 1892, Family Service of RI is a statewide, non-profit organization that offers a variety of programs that offer relief to people in need, as well as pathways out of poverty.



Bike to Work Week Rescheduled

Bike to Work Day – Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020

National Bike to Work Day is an annual event across the United States and Canada that promotes the bicycle as an option for commuting to work. Leading up to Bike to Work Day, national, regional, and local bicycle advocacy groups encourage people to try bicycle commuting as a healthy and safe

alternative to driving by providing route information and tips for new bicycle commuters.

In 2020, Bike to Work Week will be September 21–27, with Bike to Work Day on Tuesday, September 22.



MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY, MAY 25, 2020

RIPTA WILL RUN A SUNDAY/HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

RIPTA offices, including the Photo Identification and Ticket Sales Offices in Kennedy Plaza, will be closed.

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RIPTA Celebrates Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2020

RIPTA will operate all regular fixed-route bus service on a Sunday/Holiday schedule Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. RIPTA offices, including the Photo Identification and Ticket Sales Offices in Kennedy Plaza, will not be staffed on Memorial Day. Also, the Flex Service reservation line (1-877-906-FLEX) and the RIdE reservation line (461-9760) will not be staffed on the holiday. Click here for details.



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