

# PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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## RPT Announces Further Service Reductions Effective March 30

ROCHESTER, MINN. – In response to the executive order by Minnesota Governor Tim Walz to “Stay at Home”, the public is asked to limit transit use to essential needs only for a period of two weeks beginning Friday.

Accordingly, Rochester Public Transit is implementing a further reduction to Core Transit Service, effective Monday, March 30 and until further notice. RPT’s regular service hours will be 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. All neighborhood routes will follow the published weekend and holiday schedule, seven days a week, with the exception of Route 191, which has been suspended altogether.

Park and ride service will continue according to a modified schedule. Direct service to Target south and Cub Foods is being suspended. The Chateau Theater, RCTC, County Fairgrounds, and IBM Park & Ride lots remain operational. Morning peak service on direct routes will be from 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the morning, and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the afternoon. A small number of midday and evening direct trips to and from park and rides will be operated according to published schedule.

Zumbro Independent Passenger Service (ZIPS) will be providing paratransit service until 8:00 p.m. nightly.

Additional reductions of service may be needed in the future to respond to the changing environment. For complete details, Reduced Core Service route maps and schedules, will be posted to the RPT website [rptride.com](http://rptride.com) as soon as they are available.

The health and safety of our Rochester community continues to be the City of Rochester’s top priority. Rochester Public Transit is committed to providing public transportation for the essential needs of our community. Please stay home if you are sick, or have had close contact with others who are sick. Observe social distancing while riding by keeping one seat between you and others at all times and skipping every other row whenever possible. Standees are asked to observe a 6 foot distance between themselves and other passengers.

## NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC



### EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS

**Stay at Home**  
Executive Order 20-20  
Effective March 27 – April 10

**City of Rochester**  
Declaration of Local Emergency  
Issued March 17, 2020

**Olmsted County**  
Public Health Emergency  
Issued March 17, 2020

**Minnesota Peacetime State of**  
Emergency EM-3453  
Issued March 13, 2020

**National Emergency**  
Concerning Novel Coronavirus  
Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak  
Issued March 13, 2020

### LOCAL ACTIVATIONS

**City of Rochester**  
Emergency Operations Plan

**Joint Information Center (JIC)**

**City of Rochester Emergency**  
Operations Center (EOC)

#### EOC STRATEGY

Ensure Community Lifelines

#### EOC OBJECTIVES

Continuity of Operations

Timely Community and  
Teammate Communication

Economic Stability

Community Stability

Healthcare System Support

*Lifelines enable the continuous operation of critical government and business functions and are essential to human health and safety or economic security.*

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