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Rochester Public Transit suspends fare collection to protect drivers and community

April 4, 2020 – ROCHESTER, MINN. – Beginning today, Rochester Public Transit (RPT) is suspending fare collection aboard on all buses and routes and requiring passengers to board and exit the bus using the rear door.

These actions are being taken to protect the health of our whole community and keep our passengers and drivers safe. By strictly following public health guidelines to keep at least six feet away from any person that does not reside in your home, RPT is doing its part to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Rochester.

Passengers who use a wheelchair or require the use of the ramp to board should continue to board using the front door.

A limited number of routes use smaller vehicles with a single door. No fare is being collected on these routes and passengers are asked to board and move directly to their seats.

Suspended fare collection and alternative boarding requirements are expected to be in place until April 30.

The City Council and Mayor Norton want to remind community members that social distancing continues to be the most powerful tool each of us can employ in the fight against the spread of COVID-19. Keep at least six feet between you and other people to stop the virus from spreading from one person to another.

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**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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