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RTD's Response to Potential Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Stockton, CA— Although no known cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in San Joaquin County at this time, San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) will be monitoring the virus' progression and proactively deter the spread of any virus or disease. "Even though the health risk for the American public at this time is considered to be very low," says RTD Board Chair Gary Giovanetti, "it is still extremely important for our ridership and employees to know that we take any threat to public health very seriously."

As a proactive response to the potential spread of COVID-19, RTD will add to its already robust cleanliness and sanitization practices.

RTD's current vehicle and facility cleanliness and sanitization practices are above general industry standards as follows:

- Nightly cleaning of every bus with an antibacterial and antimicrobial disinfectant solution.
- Use of maximum strength antibacterial and antimicrobial disinfectant cleaning solutions at all RTD transit hubs.

As additional precautions, RTD will now use a sanitizing fog solution on vehicles as a part of its scheduled preventative maintenance program and increase its disinfecting practices to include all fare vending machines. For all employees who come in contact with the public, RTD is providing gloves and masks upon request, and has ordered hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes.

RTD has issued internal information to its employees and external messages to the public regarding best practices to stay healthy as provided by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the California State Government. Precautions include washing hands frequently for at least 20 seconds, avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, and covering your mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing. RTD will continue to monitor the CDC, California State Government, and American Public Transportation Association's websites for updates and best practices to keep employees and passengers safe.

For more information on the COVID-19, visit the Center for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov.



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