



# STATEMENT

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## **WeGo Public Transit continues to operate as normal** ***Public transportation essential to community under Safer at Home Order***

**NASHVILLE** – This morning, Mayor John Cooper announced that the Metro Public Health Department is issuing a Safer at Home Order, directing all residents of Nashville and Davidson County to stay inside their homes and immediately limit all movement outside of their homes beyond what is absolutely necessary to take care of essential needs.

WeGo Public Transit is continuing to run regularly scheduled service and has no plans to reduce or scale down service at this time, in order to help residents participate in those activities deemed essential by the Health Department under this order.

As a general reminder to passengers, please observe the following rules while riding public transit:

- Only ride public transportation for trips deemed essential under the Mayor's Safer at Home Order.
- Stay home if you are sick or not feeling well.
- Please do not sit in the front rows of seats reserved for senior citizens and persons with disabilities.
- Avoid close contact with other passengers and the bus operator.
- Minimize the time you spend at WeGo Central and at other enclosed bus waiting areas.
- Wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds after being in a public place or coughing, sneezing, and blowing your nose.
- If no hand soap is readily available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or the inside of your elbow while coughing or sneezing.

As the situation surrounding public health is continuously evolving, WeGo staff are currently making plans in the event the agency must reduce levels of service either due to employee availability or at the direction of the Mayor and public health officials.

Members of the public are encouraged to sign up for WeGo's newsletter, follow them on social media, visit [bit.ly/WeGoCOVID-19](https://bit.ly/WeGoCOVID-19) for service updates, and visit [COVID19.nashville.gov](https://COVID19.nashville.gov) for updates on Metro Nashville's ongoing COVID-19 response efforts.

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