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Yamhill County Transit Service COVID-19 Service Update Effective June 15, 2020.

Yamhill County Oregon- Yamhill County Transit (YCT) operates transit service in Yamhill County with connections to Tri-Met, Cherriots and Tillamook County Transit District.

Yamhill County received notice that their Phase 1 plan was approved by the Governor on May 13, 2020 and subsequently submitted an application to enter into Phase 2, which was approved on June 4, 2020. For additional information about County operations or facilities please visit the County website at <https://www.co.yamhill.or.us/>

YCT staff continues to monitor ridership and staffing levels and will adjust services as needed. Ridership is slowly increasing and is currently at approximately 50% of normal.

Yamhill County Transit wants to thank all essential workers and those working on the front lines. We are so appreciative of the amazing First Transit managers, drivers, dispatchers, field supervisors and maintenance staff who are keeping the buses on the road every day.

YCT continues to **require** all riders to wear a face covering, such as a mask or bandana.

The City of Newberg routes 5 and 7 are still **temporarily discontinued** until further notice. Yamhill County Transit **continues the fare free policy** until further notice. YCT has brought back furloughed employees to assist with back up services and meet the demand in Newberg and McMinnville as ridership increases.

YCT asks the public to review the guidance provided in the link below and follow all the recommendations provided by the Oregon Health Authority regarding [Mask and Face Covering Guidance for Business, Transit and Public](#)

Your Safety is Important to us.

Transit Drivers are wearing face masks and to limit exposure most buses are equipped with a protective barrier between the driver and the passenger. Masks are available to riders that do not have access to face coverings.

Hand sanitizer is available on the buses for riders. YCT is meeting the Governor's guidance to clean every four hours and wipe all frequently touched surfaces on the buses and disinfect the buses each night.

The buses have visual clues, markings, and signs to remind riders of the maximum capacity of buses and to keep at least three (3) feet of physical distance from other passengers and six (6) feet of physical distance from the driver.

Please remember to do your part.

Follow the Oregon Health Authority and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recommendations:

Social distancing: Practice "social distancing" keeping at least three feet and ideally six feet between you and other people, including our operators and employees. Avoid large gatherings and social events.

Wash your hands: Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Do not touch your face: Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Cover your cough or sneeze: Cough or sneeze into a tissue, then throw that tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, use your elbow (and not your hands).

Stay home if you are not feeling well:

Wear a face covering: Wear a face covering when out in public, and face coverings are required when riding public transit.

The Oregon Department of Transportation Rail and Public Transit Division has an informative Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) website that provides valuable information for transit riders and stakeholders regarding COVID-19 as it relates to public transportation in Oregon.

[ODOT-COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Please visit the [YCBus.org](#) website for the most current updates and visit the Rider Facebook page at [YCBus Info](#) for real time updates.

Where to get info about COVID-19

Web

- [Oregon Health Authority](#)
- [Yamhill County Public Health](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

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- [Oregon Health Authority](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control](#)