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Southern California
Commuters

5 Tips for Riding Bus/Rail During COVID-19



If you rely on transit to get to work or other places you need to go, here are a few reminders to make the ride safer and more convenient:

1. Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth. Sit as far away from other passengers as is possible.
2. Bus and rail schedules have been changing frequently. See if your bus or rail route is affected at go511.org, which lists updates every weekday on transit throughout Southern California.

Coming Soon: Metro Micro

L.A. Metro is expected this month to launch **Metro Micro**, an on-demand shuttle bus service (similar to a shared Lyft or Uber). Metro Micro fills a gap in areas where bus service is consistently under-used or areas that are hard to serve with full-size buses on fixed routes.

The shuttle will begin in two areas:

3. If possible, buy your transit fare online or by using a mobile app for contactless fare payment.

4. Many buses that switched to rear-door boarding as a safety precaution are now reinstating front-door boarding (with safety measures such as plexiglass barriers). Watch as your bus arrives to see where to board and have payment ready (which may

have previously been waived).

5. You may be able to use an app to find out how full your bus or train is, allowing you to decide if it's uncrowded enough to ride and still practice social distancing. L.A. Metro, OC Bus and Omnitrans use the **Transit App**. Metrolink's **How Full Is My Train?** Tool provides online, real-time train capacity information at metrolinktrains.com. ■

Watts/Willowbrook and LAX/Inglewood, expanding to other areas mid-2021.

For the first six months, customers can ride for a special promotional fare of \$1 per trip. (This will not include a transfer to bus or rail.) Rides can be ordered by app, phone or online.

Get details at metro.net.

In Brief

Holiday Fares

Metrolink is only \$10 to ride anywhere it goes all day on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. On holidays, Metrolink operates on its Sunday schedule, so check times carefully.

Working at home these days?

Get tips and helpful webinars on ways you can improve your telework experience. Topics include time management, staying in communication with coworkers, setting up an ergonomic workspace, stretches to reduce stress and more. Find it at goventura.org.



Rosa Parks bus and bike hub is now open.

The state-of-the-art customer center at the Rosa Parks rail station in Los Angeles includes a customer service center, transit court and bike hub. You can buy and load TAP cards, among other services. The bike hub is open 24 hours, offering light bicycle repairs, maintenance and storage.



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