



COVID-19 UPDATE

February 10, 2021

Federal Assistance Update

- ❑ CARES Act (Mar-Apr 2020) - \$114M for AC Transit
- ❑ Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)
 - ❑ Includes \$14B for public transit, Bay Area total of \$982M
 - ❑ MTC Commission responsible for distribution
 - ❑ January 27 – approved a \$180M “true up” for BART, SFMTA, Caltrain, and Golden Gate Transit
 - ❑ Remaining funds \$802M will be allocated in March 24 – formula TBD
- ❑ Potential Future Federal Assistance
 - ❑ Biden Administration proposed a \$1.9T “American Rescue Plan,” including \$20B to preserve public transit service and prevent job losses
 - ❑ Possibly a separate major infrastructure funding package in the future



Operator Safety: Onboard

The following measures have been implemented:

- Onboard social distancing mandates
- Operator Shields
- PPE for Operators & Riders
- Federal Mask Requirement
- Contactless Payment



Operator Safety: Facilities

Division-specific "Social Distancing" Measures:

- Mask and Gloves are strictly enforced.
- Removal of chairs, tables and other equipment, to encourage distancing.
- 6FT distancing in the Gillie rooms and Offices.
- Footprint and Line Delineations.
- Posted signs in foot traffic area.
- Regularly scheduled disinfecting of Division offices.

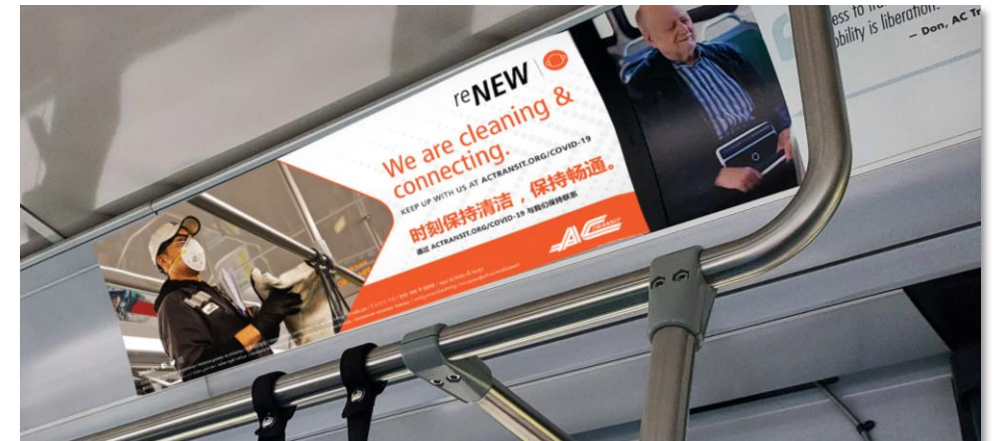
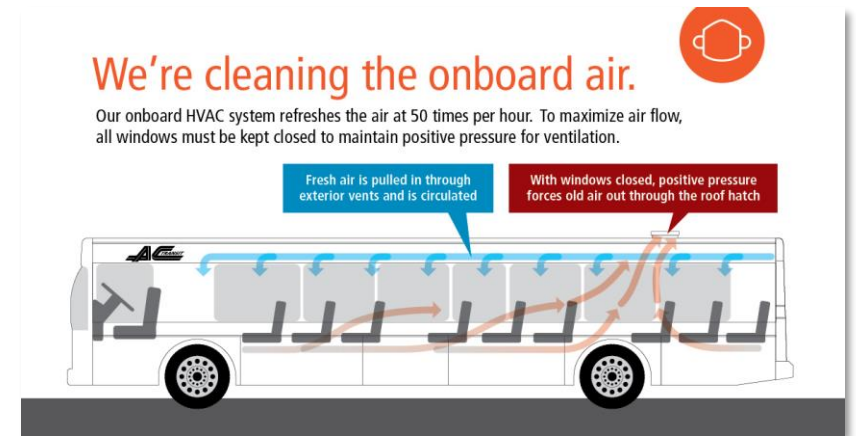
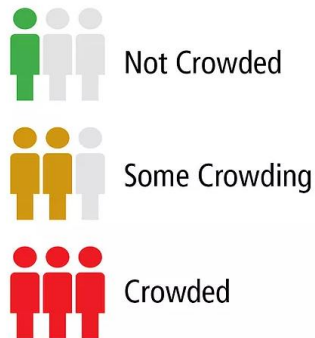


Rider Safety

Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan

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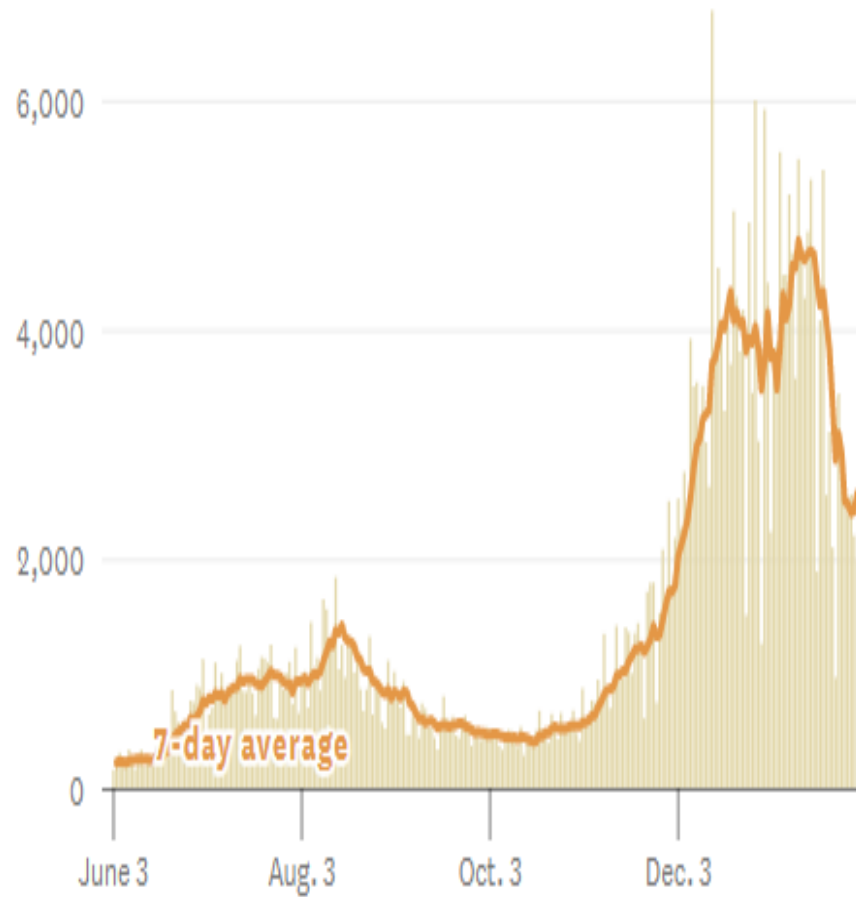
- q Daily Disinfecting of Buses
- q Positive Air Flow Ventilation
- q Passenger Load Information App



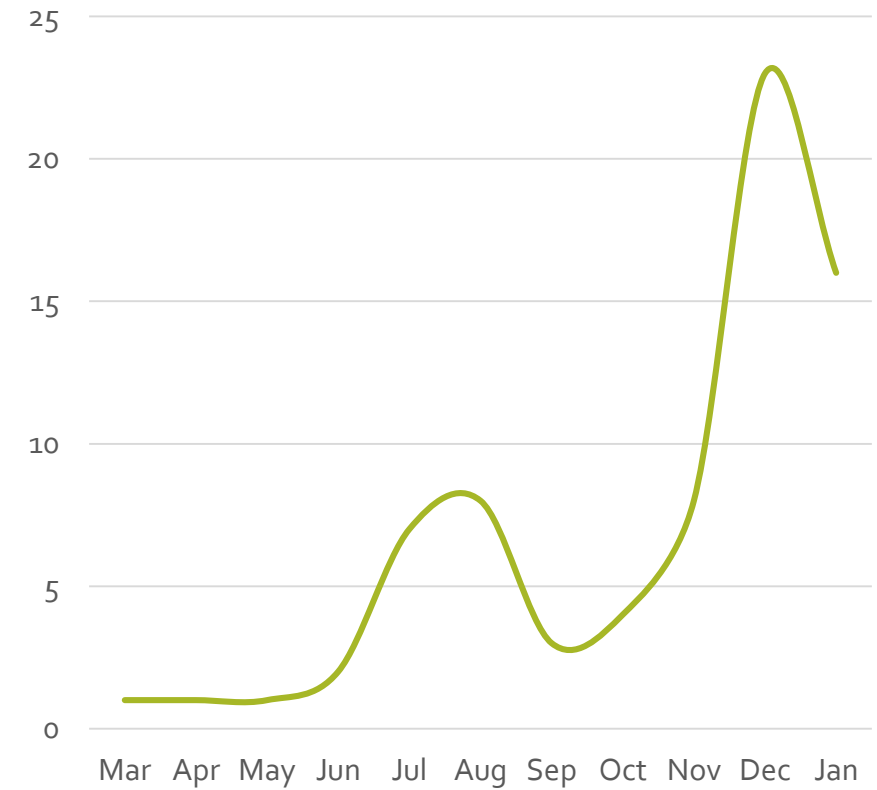
Districtwide PPE Supplies

PPE Item	Stock Available
N95 Mask	4.5 - Months
KN95	2.2 - Months
Surgical Mask	11 - Months
Reusable Masks	0.9 - Months
Clorox Wipes	2.3 - Months
Hand Sanitizer	6.6 - Months
Vital Oxide Cleaner (55gl Drum)	5.6 - Months
Disinfectant Cleaner	0.9 - Months
Nitrile Gloves	4.8 - Months

Bay Area COVID -19 Cases



Operator Case Trend



Steps Once a Positive Case is Identified

- ❑ The Leave Management Hotline Team supervises the employee intake form.
- ❑ COVID-19 Response team reviews the case.
 - Identifies any close contacts and whether remediation is necessary
 - **Close contacts** are removed from the workplace until they are tested and confirm a negative result:
 - Individual within six (6) feet of an infected person for at least fifteen (15) minutes starting from two (2) days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, two (2) days prior to positive specimen collection). Close contacts of employees who tested positive will:
 1. Stay at home
 2. Schedule a COVID-19 test
 3. Not return to worksite until a negative COVID-19 test result is received

Steps Once a Positive Case is Identified (Cont.)

- ❑ The District notifies the Unions of all positive cases.
- ❑ The Leave Management Hotline Team continues to work with the affected employee until they are released to return to worksite by their medical provider.
- ❑ Safety Manager completes the report and reports the positive result Districtwide.

Employee Tracking and Testing

- ❑ Cal OSHA requires employers to provide frequent COVID-19 testing to all employees at an affected worksite when the number of positive cases reaches a certain numerical threshold.
- ❑ The District has not reached the threshold in any of its workplaces.
- ❑ The District has identified a testing vendor for onsite testing in the event it needs to provide testing to its employees.



Vaccine Rollout Status

- New state prioritization: age-based vs. sector-based
 - After Phase 1B, Tier 1
 - Because transit workers are in Phase 1B, Tier 2, they will receive no priority under the current prioritization
 - The District partnered with other transit agencies to advocate for vaccination priority for its employees
 - Advocacy with Delegation
- New state distribution plan: partnership with Blue Shield to distribute the vaccine
 - Local jurisdictions have expressed concerns regarding equitable distribution
- Vaccine shortage: there is no information on when vaccine availability will improve

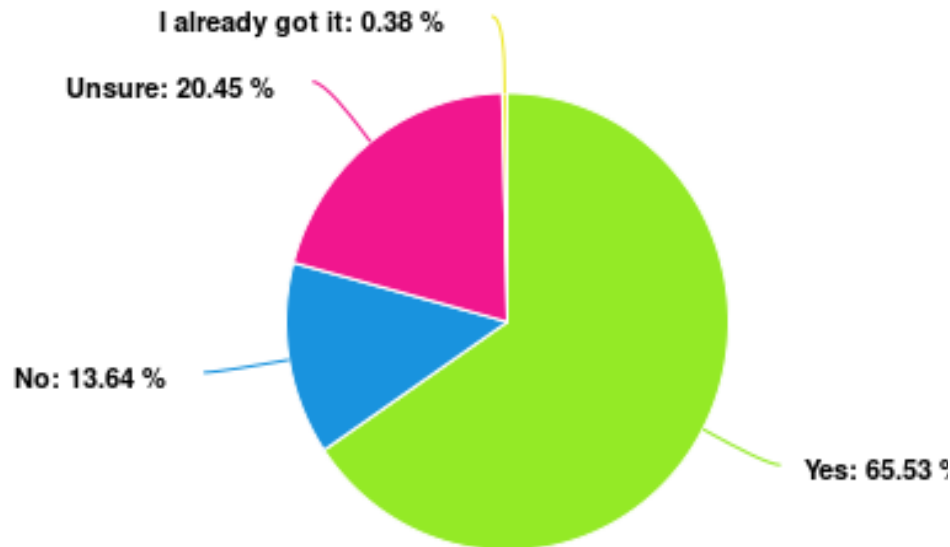
East Bay Paratransit Vaccine Plan

- First Transit, A-Paratransit & MV Transportation surveyed 190 active drivers; 127 committed to taking vaccine.
- Vaccine clinic is being offered for seniors and individuals with disabilities as well as active paratransit drivers who serve this community on February 12, 2021.
- EBP is requesting priority access at proposed mass vaccination clinics for its vans to drop off and pick up passengers, with an appropriate waiting area for the passengers.
- EBP drivers who present proof of their second inoculation will receive a \$50 lump sum.

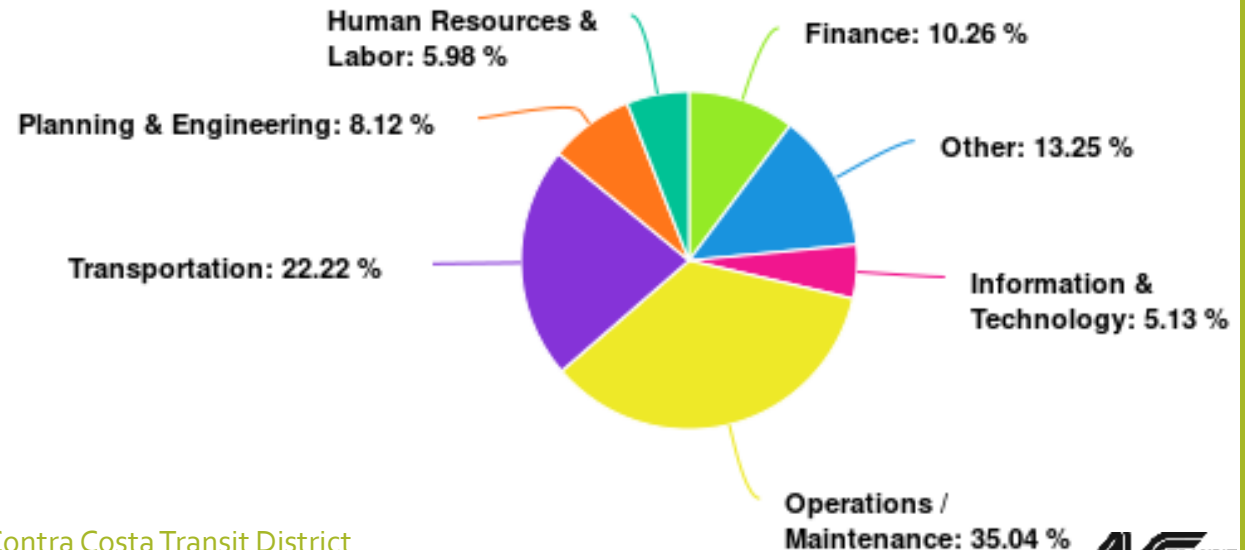
COVID-19 Vaccine Employee Survey

Anonymous employee survey seeking feedback about the vaccine distributed via email to all employees on 1/22, with a follow-up email reminder on 1/29. Printed surveys and response boxes distributed to each Division to accommodate employees without online access.

The vaccine is coming soon. Will you take the shot?



Which department do you work in?



Employee Vaccine Toolkit and Employee Incentive

- ❑ District will issue employees a portable toolkit with the following information:
 - Links to county-by-county COVID-19 vaccine pre-registration and information
 - Links to official vaccine information websites
 - Tear-out CDC COVID-19 vaccination card employees can take when they get the vaccine
 - District incentive for reporting that they have completed the vaccine requirements.

Employee Communication

- ❑ The General Manager's NEWSLTR
 - biweekly digital publication
 - current edition introduced the COVID-19 Vaccine Survey
 - Northern California COVID-19 vaccine tracker
 - Online dashboards profiling appointment reservations (where applicable), waitlist notification (where applicable), and general vaccine rollout details
 - 11 counties - Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma

Video Education Campaign

- ❑ Myth-Busting Video Series

- ❑ “It’s My Shot”

- Scripted video addresses the vaccine’s development, vaccine efficacy, and addresses medical myths.
- Diverse inclusion of participants from members of the Board of Directors, Executive Staff, and division staff

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