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DATE: November 13, 2020
TO: Transit & Rail Advisory Committee (TRAC)
FROM: David Krutsinger, Director, Division of Transit & Rail
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Guidance for Public Transportation Providers

Purpose

This memo is to share, reinforce, and discuss guidance e-mailed to Transit Agencies around the state.

Action

Information and discussion only; no action required.

Background

The COVID-19 Guidance for Public Transportation Providers ("Guidance") was released on November 3, 2020, with an effective date of Monday, November 9th. The guidance is a summary version of best practices for masking-up, social distancing, cleaning/sanitization, and other health practices for transit customers (riders) and transit employees.

Details

With new COVID-19 case numbers above 2,000 *per day* for the most recent week (18,173 new cases in one week), this is a time to work together to protect public health. The incidence of new infections shows that nearly every corner of the state is affected (see image below).

One-Week Cumulative Incidence Rate

The One-Week Cumulative Incidence Rate includes new cases reported in the past week Oct 29, 2020 - Nov 4, 2020 per 100,000 people. The rate describes recent incidence of COVID-19 infection to capture the potential burden of currently ill people who may be infectious and/or accessing healthcare.



Source: CDPHE Website at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data>, incidence & epidemic curve button, 11/6/2020.

CDOT is working with the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) to provide a more comprehensive document which supports, explains, and further illustrates the guidance principles across a wider variety of settings. CDOT is seeking transit agency input to improve the clarity and practicability of the summary guidance and forthcoming supporting document. *The intent is to improve the protection of public health at this time.*

CDOT is asking TRAC members to provide advice on how to make this information clear, concise, manageable, and consistent across transit agencies and across the state. CDOT is aware of the unintended consequences of the current guidance, as expressed by individual agencies to both CDOT and CASTA (see attachment on those unintended consequences).

Attachments

1. Cover letter from Executive Director Lew
2. CDPHE COVID-19 Guidance for Public Transportation Providers
3. CASTA / Transit Agency summary of unintended consequences.