

NEWS RELEASE



The City of Brockville and COVID-19

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 14, 2020 - 2:00 pm - Extra Precautions for Transit

As of Wednesday, April 15, 2020, the City of Brockville will be revising the seat configuration on buses to allow for maximum social distancing by transit users. This reconfiguration will reduce the maximum rider limit on each bus to 8 riders.

This reconfiguration is designed to make the use of the transit system safer for all riders by ensuring that physical distancing measures are in place. One seat will be available in every row, with seats alternating in each row to allow for the greatest distance between riders. The reduced capacity may mean that during peak times riders could have to wait 30 minutes for the next bus if their bus is full. However, the change is necessary to protect the community, and especially those who rely on public transit, from the spread of the virus.

Use of the transit service is to access vital resources in the community and should be used only when absolutely necessary.

The City of Brockville would like to ask that all riders remain patient as this change is implemented, and plan ahead to ensure that they reach their destination on time.

The modified transit service will continue running the yellow route during the day on a 30-minute loop and the 1-hour loop during the evening service. Daytime service will operate Monday to Friday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, while the evening loop will continue Monday to Friday from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

[Transit Route Stop Times](#)

[Click for larger Map showing the Current YELLOW Route Only](#)

The City of Brockville continues to closely monitor all of our continuing services to ensure both the safety of our citizens as well as our staff.

As of Thursday, April 2nd all City of Brockville Transit Buses were retrofitted with clear panelling to separate the driver from the public, further protecting staff delivering this essential service. This is part of the ongoing effort to ensure the safety of the staff and public, limit the opportunities to transmit or contract the virus, and ensure that services levels within the City of Brockville are able to be maintained.

The City of Brockville will continue to take all the necessary steps to modify our services to ensure our community and staff stay safe.

The City would also like to remind and encourage everyone to follow the recommendations of our public health agency:

- Properly wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Engage in proper cough or sneeze etiquette, including but not limited to covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze and disposing of used tissues immediately
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
- Refrain from shaking hands with another person
- Practice social distancing of at least 2 metres
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

If you have symptoms of a respiratory illness of any kind (e.g. fever, coughing, shortness of breath, etc.) you are asked to stay home and seek medical treatment.

The City of Brockville continues to review the situation on a day to day basis while we take all necessary precautions towards the spread of COVID-19.

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[Health Canada](#)
[Ontario Ministry of Health](#)
[Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit](#)
[World Health Organization](#)

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