



SMART-TD Local 60 Coronavirus update

We have been requesting assistance from the carrier since early February for guidance, and in line with the recommendations for employers issued by the CDC. To date we have not been given specific details of what has been done or implemented yet, but this is what we know so far.

- The carrier has received supplies for employees use, hard surface wipes, and individual hand sanitizing wipes. Please only take what you need for each trip, so they are available for crews all day.
- An enhanced cleaning procedure and schedule for high use areas including door handles, handrails, doors, restrooms.
- Increased management inspections of areas.
- They are using Virex Disinfectant cleaner, <http://solutionsdesignedforhealthcare.com/solutions/products/disinfectants/virex-plus> (this leaves a white residue you may have seen on surfaces)
- Additional cleaning of conductor control panels, PA heads, seats, hand holds, grab irons, HVAC vents, bathroom door handles and locks was to be started on March 1, 2020.
- https://www.progressiverailroading.com/passenger_rail/news/NJ-Transit-forms-coronavirus-task-force-rail-events-postponed--59912



Local 60 recommendations

- Use common sense hygiene, wash your hands whenever possible, use sanitizer as a substitute, don't touch your face, do not push door opening buttons (use key, punch, seat check to activate)
- Use hard surface wipes to clean your door panel, PA head, grab irons, etc. in vestibules where you're working.
- Wear gloves if your comfortable working with them.
- Ask passengers to use the mobile app to purchase tickets, this protects them and us.
- If a passenger is attempting to hand you a ticket that you suspect may be an issue (in their mouth, they cough/sneeze into it, there is a used tissue in their hand, etc.) politely ask them to hold ticket out and put appropriate punch marks in it.
- Report any concerns to the Chief Dispatcher or supervision Immediately
- Follow recommendations on use of PPE.
- Follow CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html> for recommendations, NJ also has resources available
https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_community.shtml



Our next steps

- We have met with the NJT Coronavirus task force this includes management, safety and medical, we are on our own.
- We have reached out to our international and they will be asking the carrier for assistance.
- We will continue to ask management for a comprehensive plan based on public CDC/WHO/NJDOH recommendations, to be shared with employees and passengers on what is being done to protect us.
- If you have questions or concerns contact an officer so we can get you the correct information <http://utulocal60.com/members-tools/officers/>

Recommendations from the AFL/CIO

PRIORITIES FOR WORKERS AND UNIONS

- *Comprehensive workplace plans to identify potential exposure routes, controls to mitigate risk and training procedures.*
- *Protections for different groups of workers, following the Occupational Safety and Health Administration guidelines.*
- *Policies to encourage sick workers to stay at home without the loss of pay, benefits, seniority or other benefits.*
- *Economic policies for unemployment scenarios, where people are not able to be at work or are required to work overtime to take care of patients.*



- *Emphasis on personal hygiene practices, hand-washing and respiratory etiquette.*
- *Adequate supplies of personal protective equipment, especially N95 respirators, and respirator fit testing.*
- *Protocols to clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.*
- *Protocols in case of a workplace or community outbreak, including possible self-quarantine or workplace quarantine.*
- *Plans for supply shortages, triage, prioritization and other contingencies.*
- *Consult the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) before hosting and attending events or large gatherings. CDC recommendations may change as the situation evolves.*

WHAT WE'RE DOING

- *Working to increase federal funding for agencies involved in fighting the virus.*
- *Bringing a worker perspective to Congress as it considers responses to the virus.*
- *Stay tuned to the AFL-CIO webpage below for the latest developments. MORE INFORMATION*
- *AFL-CIO: aflcio.org/covid-19*
- *U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration: osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/index.html*
- *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html*
- *World Health Organization: who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019*