



## COVID-19 Update - Nov. 25, 2020

### TARPS In-Person Application Interviews Temporarily Suspended

The Toledo Area Regional Paratransit Service, (TARPS) will temporarily suspend in-person application interviews beginning Monday, Nov. 30, 2020 due to an increased number of COVID-19 cases in the region. Already scheduled face-to-face interviews will be postponed. Renewing TARPS clients will have service benefits extended on a month-to-month basis until in-person interviews are able to be conducted safely. For more information, call 419-382-9901 or visit [www.tarta.com/services/tarps](http://www.tarta.com/services/tarps).

### School Service Updates

Earlier today, the Lucas County Regional Board Health Department mandated virtual learning for grades 7-12 beginning Dec. 4, 2020 through Jan. 11, 2021. TARTA provides transportation services for students of Toledo Public School System and many charter, parochial and private schools. At this time, TARTA recommends that parents and students contact their school to understand how they will comply with this order.

### TARTA and TARPS for Essential Trips Only

With Lucas County currently under a Stay-At-Home Advisory through December 17, 2020, TARTA is reminding the community to only use the Authority's services for essential trips. Essential trips include traveling to school, work, grocery shopping, medical appointments and treatments, pharmacy visits, and participating in school meal programs.

### Employee COVID-19 Cases

- New Confirmed Cases - 3
- Total Cases Since March 2020 - 12
- Currently Recovering - 8
- Returned to Work - 4

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This week, there were three new confirmed cases of COVID-19 involving two TARTA operators and one administrative employee who has no interaction with the public. One employee is a bus operator with the fixed-route bus service and last drove a transit vehicle on Nov. 19, 2020. The other operator is a driver for TARTA's paratransit service and last drove a vehicle on Nov. 5, 2020.

TARTA is complying with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) privacy requirements regarding the sensitive health information of employees who have tested positive. TARTA informs the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department of all confirmed cases of COVID-19.

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