

Williamsburg  
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## **Free Fare on Fixed Routes and Safety Measures for COVID-19 March 18, 2020**

**WILLIAMSBURG, Virginia** (March 18, 2020) - Staff at Williamsburg Area Transit Authority have implemented additional cleaning and safety measures to help combat the threat of COVID-19.

Passengers are asked to please board the bus through the back door. WATA operators will NOT be collecting any fares until further notice, all fixed route rides are FREE.

No passenger should cross the caution tape and approach the front of the bus. Only persons in wheelchairs, some senior passengers and those with disabilities will be permitted to sit in the front section of the bus.

WATA staff have also taken additional cleaning measures, such as sanitizing all bus surfaces and metal bars. Buses are cleaned daily. WATA will continue to do their best to ensure a safe and reliable transportation service.

We remind passengers to wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds after riding on public transportation.

Please continue to monitor social media such as [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) as well as alerts on our website through this public health crisis. Stay safe, practice social distancing and stay home unless it's necessary to go out.

### **About Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA)**

WATA is Virginia's only public transit authority. It provides more than 845,000 rides annually to visitors, employees and residents in Williamsburg, Newport News, York, Surry and James City counties.

WATA also provides paratransit services for retirees, seniors and persons with disabilities living near or on its routes.

For more information about WATA and its services, visit [goWATA.org](http://goWATA.org) or call the Authority's main line and dispatch center at (757) 220-5493.

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