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MIDAS Council of Governments Reducing Transit Services in Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak

MIDAS Council of Governments announces that it will temporarily reduce transit services for its two transit systems: the Dodger Area Rapid Transit (DART) transit system and the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) which serves the six-county region of Pocahontas, Humboldt, Wright, Hamilton, Webster and Calhoun counties.

DART transit services will be reduced as follows: Effective March 18, all fixed routes and the Jefferson Lines daily routes will be suspended. The DART facility will be closed to the public. We will still provide paratransit services, and we will continue the Prestage work shuttle. In addition, we will offer single person bus rides in order to limit social distance among community members. If you are interested in this, please contact our office at (515) 573-8145 to schedule a ride. Seats are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis.

Also effective March 18, RTA transit services will be reduced to one demand response bus per county. The Rockwell City/Manson to Fort Dodge service will run as scheduled on Tuesday, March 17, but will be suspended after that.

We tentatively plan to re-open all transit services on Wednesday April 1, 2020. We will keep you informed as we receive more information.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We remain hopeful that COVID-19 virus will minimally impact our community, but we also recognize that we must assist in preventing and/or mitigating the effects of the disease and ensure the safety of our riders and staff.

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