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MIDAS Council of Governments to Resume Transit Services

MIDAS Council of Governments announces that it will resume 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 services will resume as follows: Effective June 10, we will begin fixed route services and Jefferson Lines shuttles as well as continue paratransit services and the Prestage work shuttle. In addition, we will open our offices to the community, Monday through Friday from 8am-4:30pm. If you have any questions or want to schedule a ride, please contact our dispatch office at (515) 573-8145. Passes will be sold at regular price as of June 10th as well.

RTA services will resume as follows: Effective June 10, we will operate demand response in all six counties. If you are interested in this, please contact the MIDAS dispatch office at (515) 573-8145 to schedule a ride.

We are excited to resume transit services in both Fort Dodge and the surrounding areas. To protect the safety of our drivers and customers, we will require both drivers and riders to wear a mask or other face covering. For passengers that may not have a face covering, drivers will sell them at a cost of \$2.00. We have also installed hand sanitizer stations in each bus and will limit seating to no passengers in first two seats and one passenger per seat to ensure social distancing. Finally, we have implemented cleaning protocols to help ensure your ride is safe and sanitary. With these protocols in place, we believe we can safely resume services.

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