



COVID-19 Response Update

BART Board of Directors Meeting

March 25, 2021



Agenda

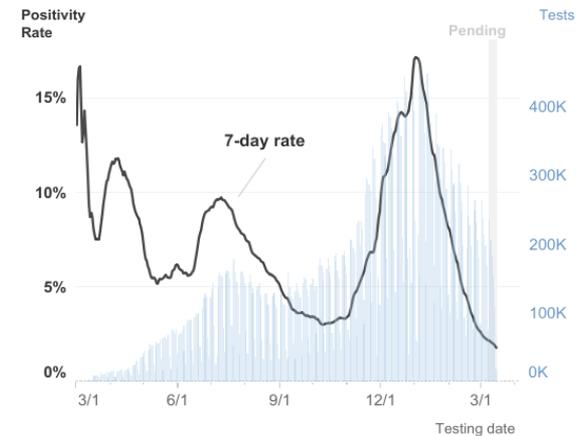
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Bay Area Counties Reopening Status

As of 3/18/21, San Mateo County has moved to the Orange tier with all other Bay Area Counties remaining in the Red tier. San Francisco is expecting to move to the Orange tier on 3/24:

County	Color - Risk Level
San Francisco	Red - Substantial (updated 3/2)
Alameda	Red - Substantial (updated 3/9)
Contra Costa	Red - Substantial (updated 3/12)
San Mateo	Orange - Moderate (updated 3/16)
Santa Clara	Red - Substantial (updated 3/2)

1.8% test positivity (7-day rate)
0.4% decrease from 7 days prior



WIDESPREAD

Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed

SUBSTANTIAL

Some non-essential indoor business operations are closed

MODERATE

Some indoor business operations are open with modifications

MINIMAL

Most indoor business operations are open with modifications

Onsite BART Employee COVID-19 Positive Cases

A total of **153** positive cases as of March 15, 2021

New Cases This Week: **2**

Cumulative Cases: **153**

Where last worked:

OSA/OKS	22	Daly City Shop	5	C-Line Stations	5	VSE	2	EMF	4
OHY CRS	5	LKS	13	ORY Trailer/TC Rm	2	K10	1	CHB	1
Richmond Shop	7	C80 TMZ/EOL	4	M-Line Stations	7	HTT	1	Car Cleaning	3
Concord Shop	1	Crew Office	1	S24 TCR	1	R-Line Stations	2	OHY TC Trailer	1
HME	4	OWS	3	M90TM/S50TM	6	PPS Police Fac.	1	S-Line Stations	1
ORY TB / Tower	5	L30/L30 TMZ	2	SRM/A50 ER	1	Berryessa Police	3	OCY TB	1
MET/LMA	15	Hayward Shop/ERS	4	HTC	1	R65	1	VTD	1
A-Line Stations	4	SB Police Fac.	2	A40/M10	1	ODY/M90 TMZ	1		
CV Police Fac.	2	R50 Police Facility	3	OHY Trans. Bldg	2	PBS Police Fac.	1		

Positive cases by month:

Mar-21	4
Feb-21	7
Jan-21	32
Dec-20	48
Nov-20	25
Oct-20	8
Sep-20	7
Aug-20	6
Jul-20	8
Jun-20	6
Apr/May-20	2

Regional Advocacy & Collaboration

- GM and other Bay Area transit leaders have strongly advocated to the Governor for front line public transit workers vaccine prioritization
- State updated its vaccine prioritization guidelines for public transit workers effective March 15
- BART takes an active role in regional collaboration with other transit agencies, cities, local public health departments, state, UCSF, clinics, and other partners to support community vaccination & testing efforts



March 15, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Revised State Guidance on Public Transit Worker Vaccine Eligibility

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the undersigned Bay Area public transportation operators, we would like to thank you for including public transit workers within the state's revised COVID-19 vaccine distribution guidance. We applaud this decision to prioritize public transit workers for the vaccine and are heartened by the Administration's recognition of the critical role our employees play in maintaining safe and reliable transit operations.

Since the onset of the pandemic, Bay Area transit systems established health standards and have helped essential workers and transit-dependent riders reach their destinations. Now, we are working hard to ensure vaccine distribution locations are accessible by offering free rides and establishing shuttles to sites for people without a car or those who need mobility assistance. Larger transit systems with parking lots and plazas have also partnered with county officials, health care providers, and community groups to host vaccination sites and free COVID-19 testing. We believe transit-friendly vaccine and testing sites will help provide equitable community access, especially for vulnerable Bay Area populations that have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

Our ability to continue to run reliable service and support the region's re-opening will depend on keeping a healthy transit workforce. An outbreak within a transit facility or the need to quarantine many employees due to exposure could bring buses and trains to a halt. Hence, vaccinating public transit workers, especially those at high risk for occupational exposure, will help ensure adequate transit service to aid in the Bay Area's recovery efforts.

Thank you again for reprioritizing public transit workers within the state's vaccine distribution guidance. Our employees have bravely faced this pandemic for nearly a year, and we appreciate the state's renewed commitment to protecting their health by availing priority to this life-saving vaccine.

Community Vaccination & Testing Sites

As part of regional collaboration, BART has provided facilities and parking lots for our partners as COVID-19 community testing & vaccination sites:

Testing Sites

- 24th St/Mission
- West Oakland
- Coliseum
- Fruitvale
- Bay Fair
- Union City

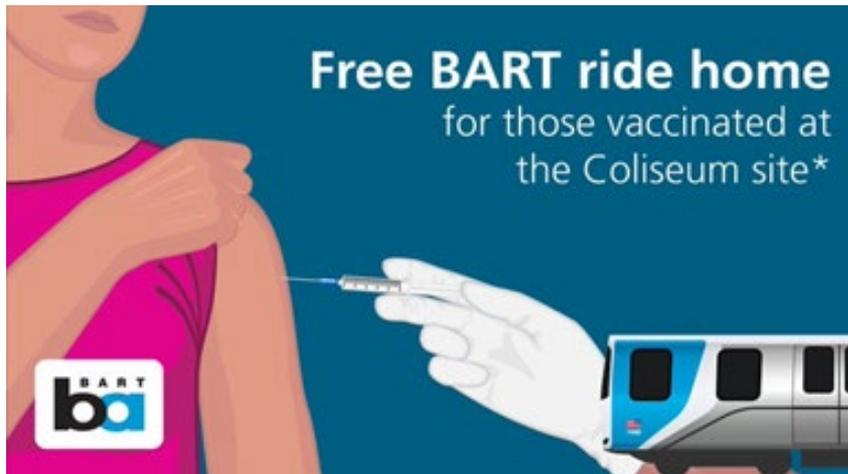
Vaccination Sites

- Bay Fair (single-day)
- Metro Building
- Coliseum
- Fruitvale
- Antioch (being planned)



Oakland Coliseum Vaccination Site

- Free BART Tickets (\$7 value)
- Take BART and get a free BART ride back home after you get vaccinated at the Coliseum site
- Site Run by FEMA and CalOES
- Approximately 2,000 free tickets handed out to riders



Communication to BART Employees



Safety Update #54—COVID-19

Important Update: Public Transit Workers Now Eligible for Vaccine!

On 3/11/21 the California Department of Public Health updated its vaccination guidance providing priority vaccine access to California's public transit workers, effective March 15, 2021.

All BART employees can schedule a vaccination appointment using the following methods:

1. Schedule with My Turn by visiting the myturn.ca.gov site, or by calling (833) 422-4255.
2. Schedule with a local provider: Some [local health jurisdictions](#) provide vaccination appointments separately from My Turn. The CDC VaccineFinder tool at <https://vaccinefinder.org/> can be used to find vaccination locations near you.

If there are any issues, please call the CA COVID-19 Hotline at 1-833-422-4255 (Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM, Saturday - Sunday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM) for assistance.

Face Mask Reminder: Per the CDC and California Department of Public Health, it is important to continue to wear a mask even after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine to protect yourself and others. After you've been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, you should keep taking precautions in public places like wearing a mask, staying 6 feet apart from others, and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces until we know more.

District Vaccination Update and FAQs

A COVID-19 vaccine information video is available for your review on EmployeeConnect under COVID-19 Guidelines. Please check it out.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Will I be required to receive a COVID-19 vaccine?

A: No

Q: How many COVID-19 vaccine doses are needed?

- Two doses for the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine, 21 days apart
- Two doses for the Moderna vaccine, 28 days apart
- One dose for the Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine

Q: How much will the COVID-19 vaccine cost?

A: Nothing. COVID-19 vaccines, including their administration, are free.



- Multiple communication to employees on news that public transit workers eligible for the vaccine starting March 15
- Ongoing weekly COVID-19 Safety Update communication to employees
- Appointment sign up information, vaccine FAQs, CDC and California Department of Public Health COVID-19 vaccine resources provided
- Weekly COVID-19 problem solving meetings with AGM OPS and Union leadership

Cleaning & Sanitation

- **Stations**

- Cleaning Protocols

- Disinfecting high touch points in all stations
 - Special Team of 12 workers added at high volume stations in downtown San Francisco and Oakland to disinfect all high touch points throughout revenue hours
 - Daily Employee Facilities Disinfecting – Stations and Oakland Shops
 - Deep Cleaning of Facilities With Positive COVID-19 Cases – Stations, Oakland Shops, BPD Offices & Vehicles and Administration Building

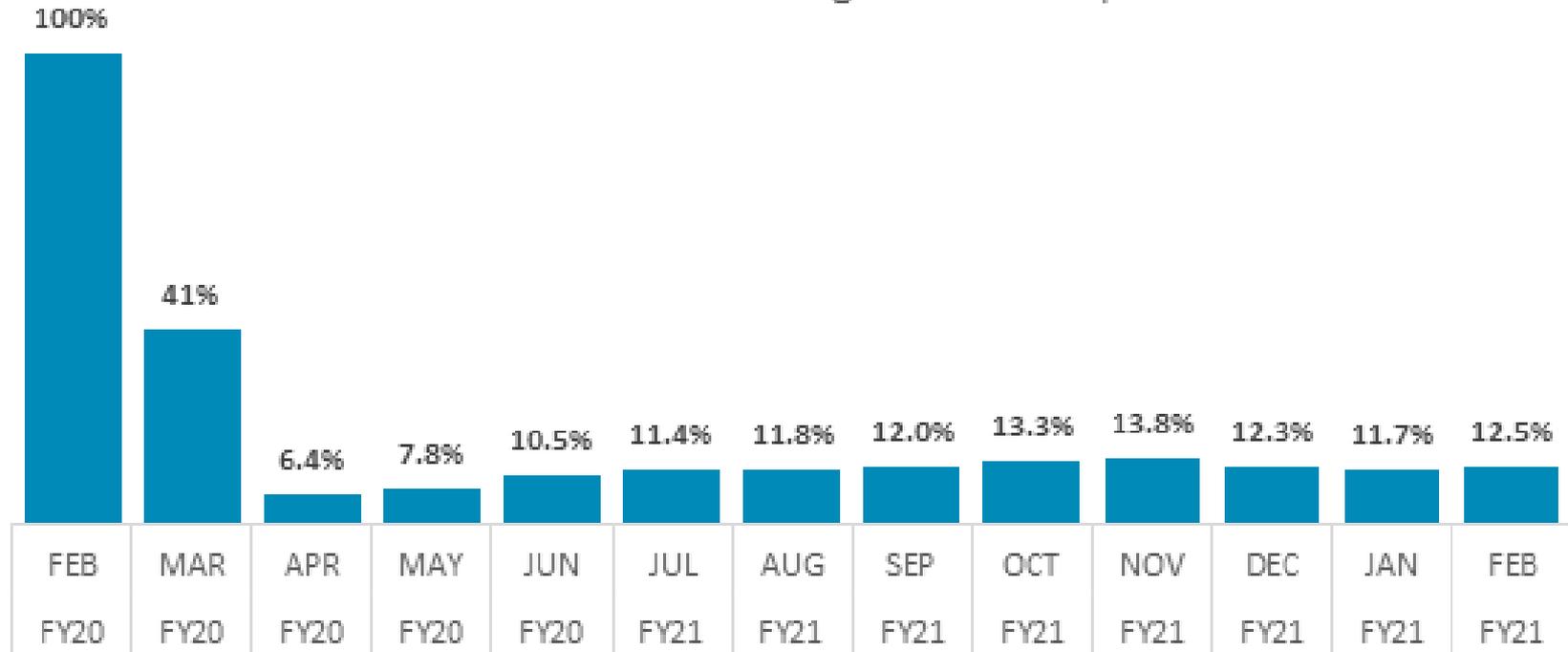
- **Trains**

- Cleaning Protocols

- Nightly Disinfect Spraying of Fleet – All Yards
 - Nightly Wipe Down of Train Cabs – All Yards
 - End of Line Wiping of High Touch Points – (Pittsburg/Bay Point, Daly City, SFO, Millbrae, Dublin, & Berryessa)
 - Daily Employee Facilities Disinfecting – All Shops
 - Deep Cleaning of Facilities With Positive Covid-19 Case – All Shops and Yard Facilities

Ridership Tracker

BART Monthly Ridership Tracker during COVID Pandemic
% of Pre-COVID Budgeted Ridership



March Service Goals

Continue with a train schedule designed for flexibility

- 30-minute base headway
- Up to 44 commute trips at 15-minute (Yellow, Red, and Green Lines)
 - 18 running now
 - Ability to add 26 with ridership growth



Redesign how trips between Millbrae and SFO operate

- All trains arriving and departing Millbrae on Platform 3 for Caltrain transfer
- Weekdays all Red Line trains will continue beyond Millbrae to SFO
- Off peak and weekends, Yellow Line will continue beyond SFO to Millbrae
- No more “Airport Shuttles” weekdays



Our Busiest Line Still Maintains Social Distancing

Antioch to SFO (Millbrae)

Passenger Load for Week of Monday, March 15 to Friday, March 19, 2021

BAY PT	N CNC	CONCD	PHILL	W CRK	LAFAY	ORNDA	ROCKR	MACAR	19ST	12ST	W OAK	EMBAR	MONTG	POWEL	CIVIC	16ST	24ST	GLNPK	BALPK	DALY	COLMA	S SAN	SBRN	SFO
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BART Police COVID-19 Deployment

- Emergency patrol staff deployed with 3/12 and 4/12 schedule (began in May 2020)
- Adjusted patrol schedules to maximize presence during revenue hours
- Fixed post at select stations at opening and during the day
- Increased presence of Community Service Officers (CSO), Critical Asset Patrol (CAP) Team, K9 Officers, Fare Inspector Officers (FIO) and Transit Ambassadors in the BART Core
- Giveaway Mask Program available to unmasked persons in the BART system

Mask Mandate

- New posters showing how to properly wear a mask
- New audio announcements, and platform digital messaging, making clear even if you are vaccinated, you must wear a mask to protect others
- Historical mask compliance data prominently featured at www.bart.gov/COVID



For more info, visit bart.gov/welcomeback

Transparent Communication

- Daily ridership posted at bart.gov/COVID
- Weekly train car loading charts posted at bart.gov/crowding and social media
- Airflow and air filter information featured on bart.gov homepage
- Worked with CalOES and FEMA to improve information about getting to Coliseum Pedestrian Vaccination Site
- 985 personal hand straps sold to date; 1000 put aside for giveaway events



Blue Ribbon Taskforce Transit Coordination

- Transit Marketing and Communications staff meet weekly
- Consolidated transit-friendly vaccine destinations posted at [HealthyTransitPlan.com](https://www.healthytansitplan.com)
- MTC is leading research effort on transit ridership/behavior and employer surveys; public poll out in the field in April
- MTC held focus groups to guide Return-to-Transit campaign to be ready by late spring/early summer



Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA)

- MTC allocated \$103.7M in true-up funds in January
- MTC Programming & Allocations Committee recommended that BART receive an additional \$274M from second tranche of funding. Full Commission approval expected 3/24.
- Tranche 1 funds have been awarded to BART by FTA. Staff will submit application for Tranche 2 funds upon approval by MTC commission.
- BART will continue to draw down funds from FTA using the same process as CARES Act funds

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Formula funds for operating expense: Estimated \$1.7 billion for Bay Area transit

- Awaiting FTA apportionments for urbanized areas to be released
- MTC and operators will likely develop an allocation process and formula jointly (like CARES Act and CRRSAA)
- At least some funds anticipated to be allocated in the next 2-3 months

Capital funds: Estimated \$75-85M for BART's Transbay Corridor Core Capacity Project through additional CIG Program funding

- Outreach to FTA for guidance on additional funds, request maximum flexibility in expenditure of monies for project-related activities

Additional operating assistance: Available through application to the Secretary of Transportation

- \$2.2 billion available to agencies with demonstrated financial need
- Program guidelines have not yet been released – staff will monitor



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