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## **Update on Bloomington Transit Service Plans for Week of March 22**

**Bloomington, Ind.** - Bloomington Transit (BT) fixed route service will continue to operate on a spring break schedule during the week of March 22 to March 29, 2020. Under a spring break schedule, Routes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8 operate on a normal weekday schedule. Reduced service levels will continue on Route 6 and Route 9. No service will be provided on Route 6 Limited, Route 7, and 9 Limited during the break schedule. BT Access will operate normally. Schedules and more information are available at the BT website.

As the local and national response to the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, transit service may be subject to change on short notice. BT will endeavor to continue operating service as long as is legally permissible and there are healthy employees available to work. Any unforeseen service disruptions will be posted at the <u>website</u> and on BT's Facebook and Twitter accounts with as much notice as possible.

Bloomington Transit continues to take a number of precautions to limit viral transmission, including disinfecting fixed route and BT Access vehicles on a nightly basis using special equipment. Additional protective measures may be announced in the near future relative to further safeguarding public and employee health.

BT will reevaluate service plans at the end of next week and will make an announcement regarding service plans for the period beyond March 29, 2020. Transit ridership over the past week is down about 33 percent compared to the same period during spring break last year.

Bloomington Transit is the Public Transportation Corporation for the City of Bloomington. Fixed route service is provided on nine routes serving most areas of the City. Bloomington Transit also offers BT Access, a specialized service available to persons with disabilities who are unable to use regular fixed route services. Persons seeking more information on Bloomington Transit services including BT Access can call 336-RIDE (7433).

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