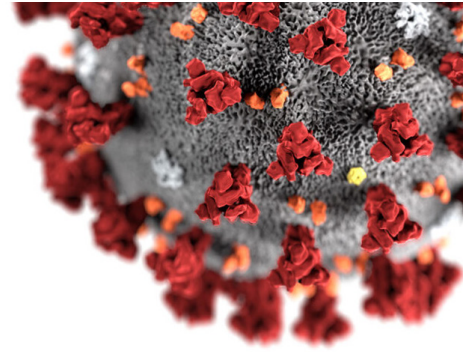


STATE LEGISLATURES AND GOVERNORS CAN PROTECT TRANSIT WORKERS BY PROVIDING:



1. Emergency funding for transit systems to offset increased costs and lost revenue.

- Ensure transit agencies are reimbursed for increased operating costs and lost revenue during the crisis.
- Ensure that all available funds for transit agencies can be flexed and applied to urgent service needs, workforce protection, and long-term workforce retention.

2. Elimination of waiting periods for unemployment insurance under the CARES Act.

- Wage replacement benefit payments to workers who lose their job or have their hours reduced.
- Extended unemployment insurance to cover all laid off or terminated workers, including independent contractors or others not traditionally eligible.
- Waive job search requirements.

3. Priority distribution of PPE to frontline transit system workers.

- Official recognition of transit workers as “front-line” to make them eligible for increased protections.
- Additional funds for the purchase and distribution of N95 mask, gloves, goggles and other necessary PPE.
- Additional funds for cleaning and disinfecting of vehicles, workspaces, and high touch areas throughout transit systems and workplaces.

4. Family Medical Leave for COVID-19 related care of a child or family member.

- Up to 12 weeks of full wage benefit payments to workers caring for an ill or quarantined family member with COVID-19.

5. Fully-paid sick leave.

- At least 15 days of paid sick leave for all workers in the event they are exposed or believed to have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Paid at their regular rate of pay..
- Guaranteed job protection for the duration of the quarantine order.
- Waive requirements to provide doctor's note for eligibility.

6. Federal funds to continue paying school bus workers.

- Demand State Departments of Education direct school districts to continue paying for pupil transportation funding for a 180-day school year in the event of any reduction in transportation days, especially due to COVID-19.

ATU COVID-19 COMMAND & RESPONSE HOTLINES

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