

Update: Per the Governor's order, this is extended.

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### **Lee County suspends LeeTran bus fares; Lee County Utilities suspends disconnections**

Fort Myers, FL, March 20, 2020 – The following updates related to Lee County's response to the COVID-19 situation involve suspending fares for LeeTran riders and stopping service disconnection of Lee County Utilities customers.

#### **Bus fares:**

Lee County Transit (LeeTran) will suspend fares effective Saturday, March 21. LeeTran riders will not pay until further notice. This step is being taken to reduce interactions between drivers and the public.

The majority of LeeTran's fleet is equipped for rear-entry, which will be used during this time.

Once aboard, riders are encouraged to use guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control on social distancing.

All fixed-route service will continue on regular schedules; Passport services remain available as usual.

It was previously announced that LeeTran trolley and tram services on Fort Myers Beach has been suspended until further notice.

#### **Utilities:**

In order to promote the guidelines presented by Centers for Disease Control and DOH, the Lee County Utilities (LCU) will be suspending water shut offs until further notice. Information about online billing and utility questions is available at [www.leegov.com/utilities](http://www.leegov.com/utilities).

LCU is one of about a dozen utilities within Lee County. Customers should check their water bill if they are unsure who their water provider is.

#### **Additional information:**

Visit [www.leegov.com/covid-19/](http://www.leegov.com/covid-19/) for additional county updates and information. Also, please visit Facebook: Lee County Government.

The county encourages everyone to read the resources offered by the federal Centers for Disease Control, [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus), and Florida Department of Health, [www.floridahealth.gov](http://www.floridahealth.gov), and asks residents to avoid speculating based on what may be said on social media.