



County Government Operations
DPW&T Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
COVID-19 (July 7, 2020)

- 1.) **What is the cleaning processes for SMCG buildings?** OSHA recommends the public guidelines from Center for Disease Control on which DPW&T bases its procedures. Our current janitorial staff cleans all County buildings, kitchen, restrooms, meeting rooms, conference rooms and common areas 5 days/week at heavy use facilities and 3 days/week at the low use facilities, disinfecting those areas and their countertops/flat surfaces. As the situation warrants, we will increase the 3 days/week facilities to 5 days/week. Cleaning schedules are posted. Hand-sanitizer dispensers are located in each of our buildings. During the COVID-19 event, we have increased our cleaning by using more disinfectant cleaners throughout concentrating specifically on the common areas, handrails and any surface frequently used/touched in our facilities along with continuing to keep soap, paper towels and dispensers full and in good working order. Door handles, elevator buttons and exit devices, along with the surface of doors, are disinfected.
- 2.) **What is the cleaning process for SMCG buses, vehicle, and equipment?** Our STS buses are cleaned and disinfected daily according to guidelines from MTA. All bus operators carry wipes and disinfectant for spot cleanup during the daily runs. All bus handles, doors and seats are wiped with disinfectant. Hand sanitizer and tissue are available. Departments and the Sheriff's Office obtain wipes and hand sanitizer for use in their vehicles. DPW&T assigns individual vehicles to their workforce who work in the field or sanitizes the Solid Waste vehicles regularly that are used regularly by multiple individuals.
- 3.) **What is the current procedure for bus riders to access and ride the STS buses?** All bus routes are currently operating, but with a limit of nine passengers per bus to facilitate social distancing. Starting April 15, all passengers on STS buses were required to wear cloth face coverings or other masks. STS follows MTA guidelines to promote social distancing between the driver, STS staff & passengers to the extent possible. Passengers should purchase passes on the buses rather than going to the STS Office. By reducing unnecessary travel, transit becomes safer for those who depend on it, especially essential healthcare workers, and for those who operate it.
- 4.) **Will Non-Public School Bus contractors/drivers be paid?**
The current SMCG contract with NPSB contractors pays bus contractors when schools are in session; however, to support this valued resource in these extraordinary times during a designated emergency, the DPW&T Director has worked with Procurement and the County Attorney to follow the lead of Public Schools and continue to pay those contractors through the duration of school closures for this school year. All school bus contractors were paid salary, Per Vehicle Allotment (PVA) and mileage, but NOT fuel for the remaining school year. Next year's contracts are being drafted based on guidance that will be received from Public Schools and the County Commissioners.
- 5.) **Are the Convenience Centers and the Landfill operating?**
All facilities are operating on their normal schedule. DPW&T recommends avoiding the long lines at peak times on weekends.