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L.A. Metro Operator Dies from Complications of COVID-19

With great sadness, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) today reports that an agency employee has died of complications from COVID-19.

“Our deepest condolences go out to the family, friends and coworkers of our close Metro family member,” said Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington. “This is a heartbreaking day for all Metro employees as we continue to face this grave public health threat. Our bus operators and frontline employees have, and will continue, to heroically serve the public by providing essential travel.”

The bus operator was assigned to Metro Division 13 in downtown Los Angeles and last worked in mid-May and was confirmed to have the virus on June 2.

Out of respect for the privacy of individuals and their families, Metro does not reveal the identities of employees who have tested positive for COVID-19. Metro continues to work closely with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to closely monitor the coronavirus pandemic and to implement all safety recommendations for employees, contractors and the transit system.

Metro will continue to closely monitor, and record confirmed positive cases throughout the agency. To date, there have been 96 confirmed cases among employees, contractors and vendors and two deaths; a contract security guard died April 13. Metro reminds the public that all riders are required to wear face coverings to help prevent spread of the virus.

For a list of confirmed COVID-19 cases among Metro employees, please visit <https://www.metro.net/about/about-metro/metro-tracks-covid-19-cases/>

About Metro

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is currently providing lifeline service for essential trips and frontline workers. Metro continues building the most ambitious transportation infrastructure program in the United States and is working to greatly improve mobility through its [Vision 2028 Plan](#).

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