We Have to Protect Our Interests
Since the writing this newsletter, workers at MUNI, VTA, and at AC have tested positive for COVID-19. At least two drivers have just passed away. A 41-year-old from Washington and a 50-year-old from Michigan.

Late Friday night D2 was shut down for a deep cleaning and management plans to reopen come Monday because one of our co-workers is sick and tested positive.

The response from anyone in a position of power has been too little and too late. Our lives are literally being jeopardized.

We can’t afford to wait for others to make sure we’re ok. We can come together on platforms like Zoom and Skype to discuss our concerns. We have to find a way to strategize to make our interests come first.

Hazard Work But No Hazard Pay?
We’re on the front lines and we need to be valued as such. In fact, transit workers have always been on the front lines. The pandemic just proves the point.

Drivers have always been exposed to colds, flus, tuberculosis, you name it. We’re sitting ducks for anything and everything that gets on the bus. This has always been treated as “part of the job”. But with a much more infectious virus like COVID-19, our compensation needs to reflect the danger we put ourselves and our loved ones in.

Hazard work deserves hazard pay!

For Time Off, We Shouldn’t Pay
This crisis has turned our whole lives upside down. Schools are now closed till the end of the year. Many of us now have to provide day care and home schooling, in ADDITION to working. We also have to be as safe as possible so we don’t infect our families. For many that will mean staying home.

Taking time off due to the crisis should not come at the expense of our pay checks or our time on the books! We are eligible to get paid time off. We can’t let AC fool us.

The Signup S*#% Show
Another signup came and went. And par for the course, it was another unorganized mess. But this time managements incompetence put our health and our lives at risk. There are videos of packed Gilly rooms on the first day of the new signup, with all the extra drivers sitting point. Good! Management should be exposed for their negligence.

They’ve since changed course and now have those sitting point come in at intervals. But why? If ridership has dropped 90% why are drivers needed to come into work exposing themselves and everyone else?!

Who’s Gonna Clean the Buses?
Some of us have seen other agencies cleaning their buses at the end of the line, and we know that AC should be doing the same. The question is who? Since the district changed the schedules, why don’t we demand that we be allowed to go out and help sanitize the place where we work? There’s enough of us on the board now to put together cleaning details and make sure our co-workers and riders are safe.

We can’t wait for management to hire more people and plan it out! We know how to clean, we do it everyday before we pull out. Let’s not wait for management to see if we get sick, let’s get together and do what we can to kick this virus’ a$%!!!

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Workers On The Frontlines
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