



## *Press Release*

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### *CATA to Temporarily Discontinue Commuter Routes*

As the result of low ridership during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, CATA will temporarily discontinue its CATABUS commuter routes - the **A (Park Forest)**, **B (Boalsburg)**, **C (Houserville)**, **F (Pine Grove)**, **G (Grays Woods)**, **S (Science Park)**, **XB (Bellefonte)**, and **XG (Pleasant Gap) Routes** effective Monday, October 5, 2020. Those riders dependent on these routes are encouraged to contact CATA at (814) 238-CATA(2282) ext. 7500 to discuss their transportation needs, if they have not already.

Also effective Monday, October 5, CATAGO! microtransit service, which currently operates in Bellefonte, Monday - Friday from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. and in Bellefonte and Pleasant Gap Saturdays from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., will be extended to also provide service to Pleasant Gap Monday - Friday from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. This service will assist with access to county services, the courthouse and services offered at the PennDOT photo and exam service center where no other public transportation services would exist. Information on CATAGO! service, including how to schedule trips, pay your fare, and more can be found on the CATA website at [catabus.com/GO!](http://catabus.com/GO!).

CATARIDE service for older adults and people with disabilities will continue to operate with no changes to its service area or hours.

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### *Remote Learning at Penn State has Created More “Space” on CATA Vehicles*

As thousands of students returned to school this Fall, some of the changes Penn State has made to provide remote learning, while reducing the levels of in-person instruction, have created more space on CATA vehicles for passengers on our remaining routes. This has improved the opportunity for passengers to practice better physical distancing in transit.

“While it has been a pleasure to welcome back students, we’ve seen that throughout the region’s transportation infrastructure, there has been a significant reduction in ridership,” said Louwana Oliva, CATA Executive Director and CEO. “The ridership reductions appear to be in proportion to the scale at which students are attending class remotely. With a reduction in ridership, we’ve seen an increase in space so that passengers can ride more comfortably.”

“Our view is that the current level of ridership is temporary and will change as the university deems it appropriate and safe enough to increase levels of in-person instruction once again,” said Oliva. “Meanwhile, we will continue to provide as much service to the community as is appropriate and monitor transportation needs, reminding everyone of what they can do, such as (continued next page)

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wearing a mask and planning ahead for quicker boarding and what we are doing such as electrostatic cleaning of our buses each night to help ensure good health for everyone.”

For additional information and for updated service information as it becomes available, please visit [catabus.com](http://catabus.com) or contact CATA’s Customer Service Center at (814) 238-CATA(2282).

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