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**SVT makes changes in response to epidemic: All fares are donation-based starting March 30; drivers help deliver needed supplies, food to residents**

Helping the community is what Snoqualmie Valley Transportation has always done, and now is no different. The bus company serving the Snoqualmie Valley is responding quickly to community needs during the current coronavirus/COVID 19 outbreak, with changes to its fare system, as well as routing to deliver essential supplies to local residents.

Starting Monday, March 30, all bus fares will be donation-based and no one will be refused a ride for inability to pay.

“We don’t want anybody to be unable to take the bus because of the fare,” said SVT Director Amy Biggs. “There are so many people out of work right now. We don’t want taking a bus to be an obstacle for anybody, so we’re following King County Metro’s example and going fare-free.”

SVT buses have been operating on regular routes throughout the outbreak, making adjustments as needed, to address the closure of the North Bend Premium Outlets and the Snoqualmie Casino.

And the community needs support in other ways, so SVT has begun to reimagine how it works.

“We have talented, skilled drivers and logistics support. What could we do with that?” Biggs asked.

Delivery has been one option. SVT is in discussions with area food banks to create a system for delivering food to clients. As unemployment rises, the food banks are expected to see jumps in participation, which could be difficult to accommodate along with social distance requirements.

Clients who are interested in getting deliveries should first check with their food banks for more information.

All SVT buses are thoroughly cleaned at least twice a day. People who are sick are asked not to travel, and all riders are asked to cover coughs and sneezes and to wash their hands frequently. For the latest updates and information, go to [www.svtbus.org](http://www.svtbus.org), or call 425-888-7001.

Stay informed of the region's efforts against COVID 19 by visiting Public Health Seattle-King County at <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health.aspx> or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at <https://www.cdc.gov>.

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About Snoqualmie Valley Transportation: Snoqualmie Valley Transportation (SVT) is a project of Mt. Si Senior Center. SVT began its services in 2003 with funding assistance from Snoqualmie Indian Tribe, King County Metro Transit, and the Washington State Department of Transportation. Learn more about the bus services and find maps and schedules at [www.svtbus.org](http://www.svtbus.org), or call 425-888-7001.