Statement on Coronavirus (COVID-19)

OPTA Ohio Needs Transit Conference & OPTA Expo 2020

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The Ohio Public Transit Association (OPTA) has been closely monitoring updates on COVID-19, the virus that causes Coronavirus. At this time, everything in Columbus, Ohio is operating normally: conferences with domestic audiences, schools, businesses, government offices, and public transit. We are following the guidance of the City of Columbus, Columbus Public Health and Ohio Department of Health recommendations.

We are pleased to share that we will be hosting the Ohio Needs Transit Conference & OPTA Expo 2020 as planned, and are taking careful precautions for your health and safety.

We are actively looking for the most effective precautionary actions available through the Conference venue, the Greater Columbus Convention Center, to enhance hygiene measures for the conference.

Precautions to Keep You Safe:

OPTA advises all registered attendees to stay home if they are experiencing flu-like symptoms. The immediate health risk to the general public remains low in the U.S., the State of Ohio and Columbus.

There are, however, steps individuals can take to further minimize the risk.

- Wash your hands for 20 seconds and use alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- When coughing and sneezing, cover mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue – discard tissue immediately into a closed bin
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Stay home if you have a fever or show any signs of a respiratory illness such as coughing or sneezing

For more information, visit:

City of Columbus Public Health

Ohio Department of Health