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Rubey Park Transit Center Lobby will be Closing for the Health and Safety of the Public on January 5th

PRESS RELEASE HIGHLIGHTS:

Local COVID case surge prompts closure of the Rubey Park Transit Center Lobby

Limited access to the public allowed during this closure

Closure begins on Wednesday 1/5

RFTA bus service will still be in full operation

Starting on Wednesday, January 5, the lobby and waiting room of RFTA's Rubey Park Transit Center in Aspen will close to the public. The closure is due to the high level of community transmission of COVID, recently reported by Pitkin County Public Health.

"Given the rapid local increase of COVID cases in the past week or so, RFTA is doing what we can to help protect the riding public and our employees while still providing our essential transportation services. Reducing opportunities for exposure to COVID during this surge is critical." said Jason Smith, RFTA Safety Manager.

Keeping the RFTA workforce and riders safe is a top priority. Access to the lobby will be restricted to a maximum of 3 people for immediate business only with the clerk. Masks continue to be required under federal mandate in all RFTA facilities and aboard all buses.

"Vaccinations, masks, and staying home when sick are the best ways to keep our bus system and our communities functioning." said Smith

RFTA buses are still in operation and the Rubey Park restrooms will remain open. Bus passes can be purchased at the ticket vending machine on the west side of the platform.

"Since the start of the pandemic RFTA's goal has been to maintain essential transportation options while ensuring the safety of our customers, our employees, and our communities. We remain in close contact with local public health authorities and ready to adapt as conditions change." said Dan Blankenship, RFTA Chief Executive Officer.

To read the federal TSA order or review frequently asked questions about it, visit the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/masks/mask-travel-guidance.html>

To learn more about how RFTA has kept its employees and customers safe throughout the pandemic, visit www.rfta.com. Questions, contact RFTA Communications Manager, Jamie Tatsuno at 970-384-4864 or jtatsuno@rfta.com.

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