



COVID-19 Update

Background

The RTBU has written to your employer with questions about their plans regarding the heightened threat of COVID-19 in Australia and its impact on public transport workers.

Metro, V/Line and Yarra Trams have confirmed that they are following directions from the Victorian Health Department and other relevant agencies. However, they are yet to clarify what proactive steps they will be taking to minimise risk of exposure, manage impacts on employee health and ensure the protection of your financial stability in the event of disrupted services.

In the event of altered and reduced services or imposed quarantine, the RTBU is seeking further clarity from transport operators and maintaining pressure on Government to ensure RTBU members are not disadvantaged.

Your entitlements

You are entitled to take any personal leave you have accrued if:

- You are sick or injured; or
- You need to look after a family member or a member of your household who is sick or suffering an unexpected emergency.

You must notify your employer as soon as practicable if you are unable to attend for work.

You may be required to provide evidence if you require access to paid personal leave. You should request a medical certificate from your medical practitioner or evidence of admission to hospital if relevant.

Going forward

The RTBU is continuing to work with other unions to maintain pressure on the Government to provide adequate responses that prioritise public health. We will also meet with the Victorian Health Department next week to receive a high level briefing and discuss impacts and remedies that address the concerns of RTBU members.

Throughout this process, the RTBU will continue to push for Government, and relevant agencies to take a more proactive approach and provide clarity to transport workers.

If you have any health concerns call your health practitioner. If you have any workplace issues please call your organiser, or the office on (03) 8630 9100.

Members will be updated soon with more details.

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