

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (June 22, 2020) - Port Authority of Allegheny County today launched a new online tool to help riders plan trips with safe social distancing in mind.

The new Room2Ride tool shows riders how many other people they can expect on their bus when it gets to their stop by providing color-coded results based on the vehicle capacity limits established as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

The tool can be found at www.PortAuthority.org/Room2Ride.

"As our region opens for business, we want to make sure that our riders are equipped with as much information as possible so they can make the best decisions for themselves," said Port Authority CEO Katharine Kelleman.

In April, Port Authority set vehicle capacity limits to encourage social distancing and provide riders more space to spread out:

- 10 riders on a 35-foot bus
- 15 riders on a 40-foot bus
- 25 riders on a 60-foot articulated bus or light rail car

Using two weeks of historical data, Room2Ride shows how many riders have been on a particular trip at scheduled bus stop time points:

- Blue means the vehicle capacity is below the capacity limit
- Gray means the vehicle is at the limit
- Orange means the vehicle is above the limit

Room2Ride will be updated weekly and will reflect new capacity limits as coronavirus restrictions ease.

Port Authority already provides real-time vehicle capacity information with TrueTime, an online trip planning and vehicle tracking tool that can be found at www.PortAuthority.org/TrueTime.

For more information, riders are encouraged to contact Customer Service by calling 412-442-2000, on Twitter @pghtransitcare or via Live Chat at www.portauthority.org.

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