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SMART, Marin Transit, and Golden Gate Offer Free Rides to COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments

Starting today, Marin Transit, SMART, and Golden Gate Transit and Ferry will provide free transit trips to and from vaccination sites for community members with appointments. All three agencies are offering free rides by bus, train, and boat in both directions to mass vaccination sites, hospitals, or anywhere else that is offering vaccinations.

To receive a free ride, customers should be ready to show physical or digital confirmation of their same-day vaccine appointment at time of boarding. This joint effort by Marin County transit agencies is aimed at reducing transportation and cost barriers for community members to receive the vaccine.

A new drive-through clinic is now operating at the Larkspur Landing Ferry Terminal, which opened on Sunday, February 21. The site is expected to provide 200 COVID-19 vaccinations per day the first week of operations and could provide up to 2,000 vaccinations per day as vaccine supply increases. Marin Transit will offer a shuttle to and from the Larkspur SMART station to the Ferry Terminal vaccine site for those with mobility issues. Riders can follow the directional signage at the exit of the platform leading to the shuttle pickup area. Those who prefer to walk from the station are permitted to access the site on foot or by bike. More information on additional vaccination sites and appointment availability in Marin County can be found on the Marin County Health Department's <u>vaccination options webpage</u>.

SMART operates regular service Monday through Friday. View the train schedule online at <u>SonomaMarinTrain.org/schedules-fares</u>. For questions or trip planning assistance, contact the SMART Customer Service Center at 511 or (707) 794-3330, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, except holidays.

Marin Transit operates adjusted schedules seven days a week. For schedules and trip-planning assistance, customers may visit <u>marintransit.org</u> or call 511 and say "Marin Transit."

Golden Gate Transit operates adjusted schedules seven days a week and Golden Gate Ferry operates adjusted service Monday through Friday. For schedules and trip-planning assistance, customers may visit <u>goldengate.org</u> or call the Golden Gate Customer Service Center at 415-455-2000. Customer service representatives are available weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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