
COVID-19 and Fleet Updates

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Hi. First, we want to thank everyone in fleet for all you are doing to keep City services going during this unprecedented emergency situation. Fleet is an essential service, supporting our police, fire, sanitation, health, emergency management, and other critical services as we all respond to this citywide challenge. The performance of our City mechanics and repair staff, delivery and transport staff, parts and fuel teams, will remain critical as this event unfolds.

Response efforts are developing quickly. We will work to provide you updates as they become available. Please see below some important information and links:

As per the Governor's order, fleet, fuel and related transportation services are considered essential services. DCAS has prepared a letter for essential vendors if needed to continue operating.

<https://esd.ny.gov/guidance-executive-order-2026>

Below is the most recent guidance from DOHMH (Health) regarding vehicle use and safety:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/fleet/COVID-19-Transportation-Guidance.pdf>

As per State DMV, the State DMV offices are closed at this time and road tests are suspended. State DMV is extending the time frame to update licenses that are expiring. We will reach out with any further updates as we receive them from State DMV.

As this emergency unfolds, we will have some disruptions and curtailing of our fleet repair operations. We have already experienced this. We will be preparing a regular report on the status of repair operations. Please also let us know if you experience any disruptions with fuel, parts, or contract resources. Please consult your agency Human Resources office regarding any changes in tours, work assignments, or schedules for your particular facility. We will need to work together to share and coordinate resources as needs emerge.

In the first two weeks of this response, we tracked a 12% reduction in overall fleet use, as recorded at the Fleet Office of Real Time tracking, which monitors 12,000 fleet units. In time, however, our in-house fleet, as well as contracted assets, may be asked to support additional or new response roles. Please work to keep the fleet as ready as possible as this event continues.

We expect to experience delays in the receipt of new vehicle orders. This will likely impact Fiscal Year, June 30, deliveries. We will reach out to your procurement staff as soon as we know of specific manufacturer plans.

Our revenue and auction program is continuing at this point for assets that are ready to go. This should assist with lot and space issues.

Thanks for everything you are doing. Please stay safe and continue to drive safely. You can keep in touch with us at NYCFleet@dcas.nyc.gov or by reaching out directly.

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