**VRE 3-D Train Tour Highlights Health and Safety Protections**

If your employees are wondering what a safe and healthy commute looks like, steer them in the direction of the Virginia Railway Express’ (VRE) 3-D train tour (www.vre.org/tour/Enhanced%20tour).

The train tour allows viewers to see the precautions the commuter rail system has put in place, including an abundance of hand sanitizer as well as decals on platforms and rail cars that promote social distancing.

A masked conductor meets viewers on the platform as they start the train tour. Viewers then step from the platform into one of VRE’s sanitized rail cars. Signs in the vestibule, indicating that facial coverings are required on the train, greet viewers. Moving through the lower level of the rail car, viewers will note that only window seats in every other row are available for passengers. On the upper level, where seating is in a single row, every other seat is open.

What the train tour does not capture is VRE’s enhanced cleaning regimen and contactless fare payment option. VRE cleans its trains twice a day. Overnight cleanings use acidic electrolyzed water, a potent yet nonirritating disinfectant. VRE’s mobile app allows passengers to use their phones, rather than ticket vending machines on the platforms, for the contactless purchase and validation of tickets.

VRE has 19 stations in nine jurisdictions. It is operating on a reduced schedule, with nine trains running northbound in the morning and southbound in the evening. All trains on its two lines – Fredericksburg and Manassas – serve stations in Alexandria, Crystal City, L’Enfant and Union Station.

As workplaces begin to reopen, VRE is welcoming commuters back in the safest and healthiest way possible. The 3-D train tour allows passengers to become familiar with the precautions VRE is taking and reimagine their commute. Learn more at vre.org.