

**Massachusetts Bay  
Transportation Authority**

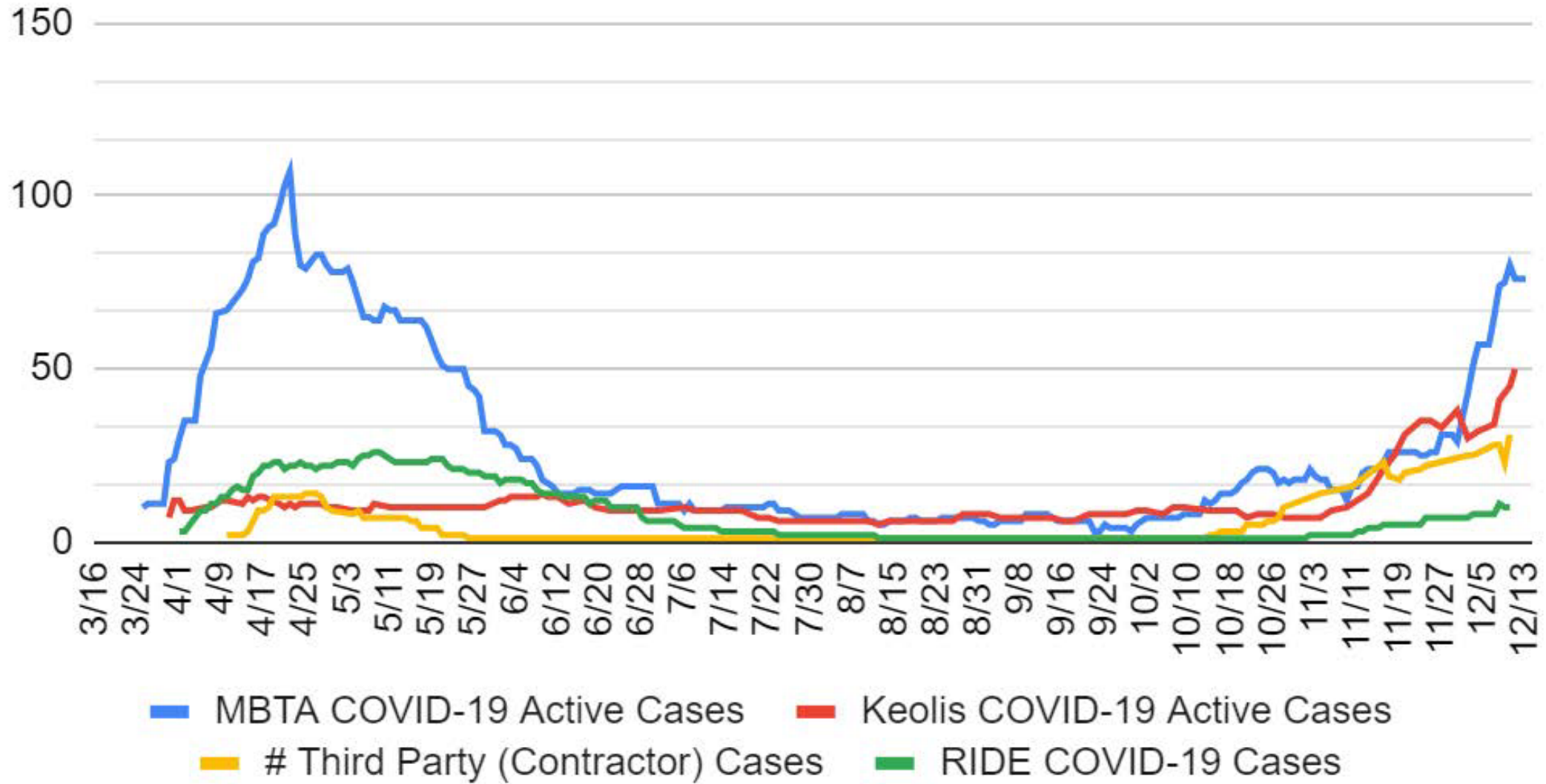
# Report from the General Manager

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Fiscal and Management Control Board

December 14, 2020

# MBTA COVID-19 Active Cases



# Commuter Rail Schedule Changes

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- Due to low employee availability because of COVID-19 absences, Commuter Rail will temporarily operate a Reduced Service Schedule starting today.
- Regular train service includes 541 daily trains; reduced service includes 246 daily trains.
  - Only weekday service will be impacted; there will be no changes to weekend service.
- Reduced service will run at least through December 27.
- The Reduced Service Schedule for each line is available at [MBTA.com](https://www.mbta.com).



# Vaccine Plan Update

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- Phase One
  - **Securing the vaccine** is our top priority for Phase One.
  - Once the vaccine is secured, the COVID-19 Working Group will develop and implement a phased distribution plan for the **Transit Police Department**.
  - **Vaccines will likely be administered in groups** to ensure appropriate staff coverage in case of incapacitating side effects.
- Phase Two
  - The first step of Phase Two will be **prioritizing vaccine recipients** and **developing an administration schedule** that will take into account staffing needs using the model from Phase One.
- Vaccinations will be administered by MBTA Occupational Health Services staff with administrative assistance for registration and site management.
- Phase One & Two vaccinations will occur at work sites whenever possible.



# Face Covering Observations



- Face covering audits conducted by the Safety Department are an SMS Safety Assurance activity. These audits:
  - Monitor compliance with the MBTA Face Covering Policy
  - Promote safety and talk to staff about safe practices during the pandemic
  - Reinstruct staff on proper face covering use
  - Gather feedback on policies and answer employee questions or concerns
- Data was shared and utilized to make policy and safety promotion decisions
  - Employee videos promoting face coverings
  - Added language to policy about proper use, such as covering the nose and mouth



# Face Covering Observations

Observation Week	Total Observations	% Face Covering Worn	% Face Covering Not Worn	% Face Covering Worn Incorrectly
6-Sept-20	487	80.5%	10.9%	8.6%
6-Dec-20	502	92.6%	4.0%	3.4%

- 3,835 observations since September
- Observed a reduction in incorrectly worn masks immediately as a result of reinstruction
- Overall compliance with face covering policy rose steadily
- Safety Department received safety concerns, feedback, and questions from employees
- Data drove promotion activities and policy decisions

