

PRESS RELEASE

COOPERSVILLE & MARNE RAILWAY CANCELS ANNUAL BUNNY TRAIN

As communities begin to feel the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) the Coopersville & Marne Railway has been closely monitoring local and national reports on the evolving impact of COVID-19 as well as the guidance offered by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

Therefore, effective March 16th, the Coopersville and Marne Railway is canceling all passenger services until April 15, 2020. Directly impacted is our Annual Bunny Train, which was scheduled for 10 departures in the next few weeks. For anyone who has purchased tickets for those departures we would ask you to please contact our ticket office at Reservations@mitrain.net. Our Stationmaster will work with you to exchange those tickets for one of our other theme trains this year; or to arrange a refund. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and look forward to having you as our guest in the future.

This decision reflects our highest priority; the health and safety of our passengers and crew members. We are committed to doing our part to help keep you safe, not only during this time of National need but every time you board one of our trains.

Our next scheduled passenger train will be on Memorial Day, May 25th, when we host our Veterans' Troop Train. However, at this time we will continue to make freight deliveries as needed, as well as some projects along our tracks. So we would ask you to always be vigilant when around our tracks. Or as Operation Lifesaver says, "See Tracks, Think Train."

The Coopersville & Marne Railway is West Michigan's "All Volunteer Vintage Railroad." It offers leisurely 90-minute excursions and theme trains from Coopersville to Marne and back; allowing passengers to experience rail travel as it was in the 1950's. Established in 1989 to preserve a portion of the former Grand Trunk Western route the first train operated on July 4, 1990.

Additional information about the Coopersville & Marne Railway can be obtained on our website at www.mitrain.net or by contacting us at info@mitrain.net or 616-997-7000.