

## McHenry County Division of Transportation

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## MCRide Dial-A-Ride Expansion

WOODSTOCK, Illinois - McHenry County today announced a partnership with Pace Suburban Bus offering expanded dial-a-ride services in McHenry County starting on January 1, 2021.

The dial-a-ride services, previously provided in select municipalities and townships across the County, will now be offered countywide. The service is also expanding hours of operation, making it available from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week. There will be no changes to the fare structure.

"On behalf of Lake County Center for Independent Living, serving McHenry County, our organization sends a huge thank you for all that the County has done to provide Dial-a-Ride service to McHenry county residents who need it the most," said McHenry County Public Transportation Advisory Committee Chairwoman Jenny Farley, who works as a Program Services Supervisor for Lake County CIL.

"For those who rely on public transportation in order to access employment, medical care, life's necessities and so much more in our McHenry County communities, this is a dream come true. We are proud of the work that the McHenry County Board has done to offer borderless transportation for people with disabilities and its residents! This is truly a life changer. What a wonderful accomplishment to coincide with the 30th anniversary year of the Americans with Disabilities Act."

In addition to the coverage area expansion, MCRide will offer seven destination points outside of McHenry County where users are able to start or end their ride. The seven point destinations are: Advocate Good Shepard Hospital; Barrington Metra Station; Randall Oaks Park/Zoo/Golf Course; The Arboretum; Advocate Sherman Hospital; Spring Hill Mall; and Chain O'Lakes State Park.

The service is available to anyone regardless of age, ability, trip purpose or residency, and all MCRide buses are fully wheelchair accessible. MCRide is funded by Section 5310 federal transit grants administered by the Regional Transportation Authority.

To learn more about MCRide, like us on Facebook <u>@mcridetransportation</u> or visit <u>www.mchenrycountydot.org</u> and click on "MCRide" on the left-hand side.

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