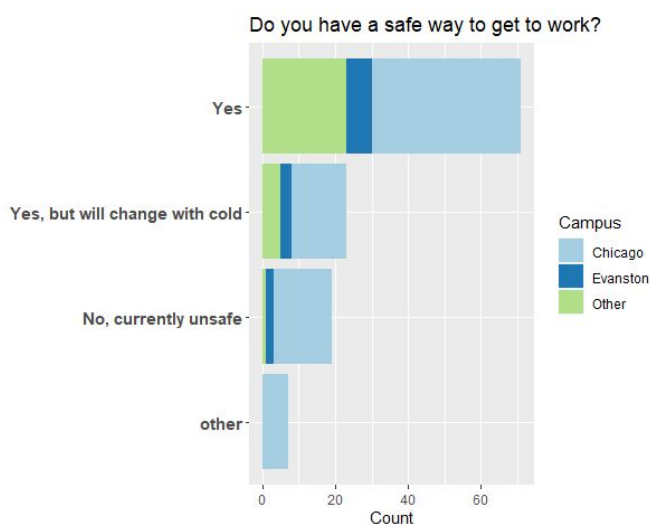


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Notes on transportation difficulties for graduate students at Northwestern during the COVID19 pandemic

Based on surveys conducted by CGSA and GLAC, we have determined that transportation is one of the key issues graduate students face as a result of the COVID19 pandemic.

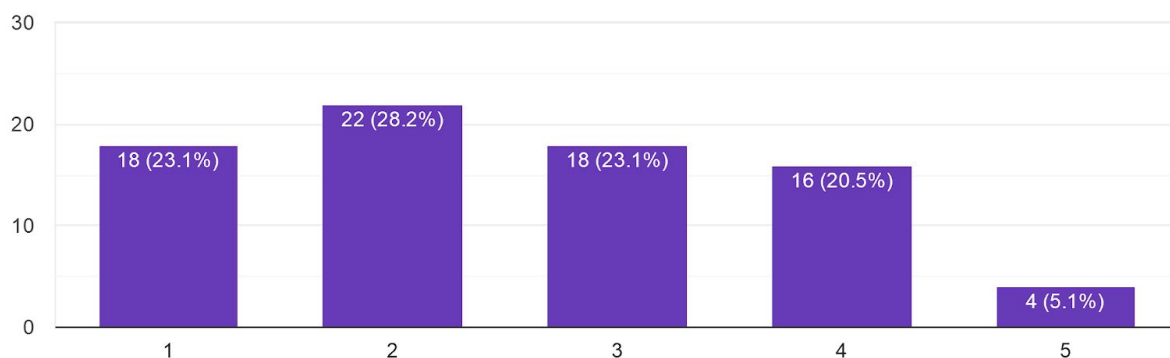
On the CGSA survey (n=120) 35% of students noted they currently do or will soon have to take what they consider unsafe transportation.



On the GLAC survey (n=119, 80% of responders based on Evanston campus), we found that 75% scored 3 or less on how safe they felt commuting to work during the winter.

Will you feel safe traveling to work once the weather gets colder and darker

78 responses

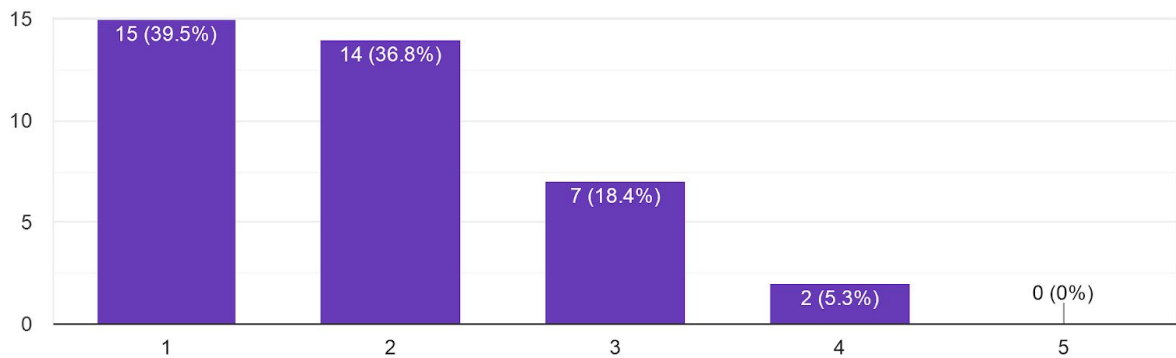


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Central to this issue is students' lack of trust in general public transportation, as small enclosed spaces such as the inside of buses and train cars allow for the effective spread of viral particles. Furthermore, the nature of public transportation is such that students cannot control whether others sharing their space are symptom free, wearing masks, and maintaining social distancing.

Regarding COVID, how safe do you feel using the CTA

38 responses

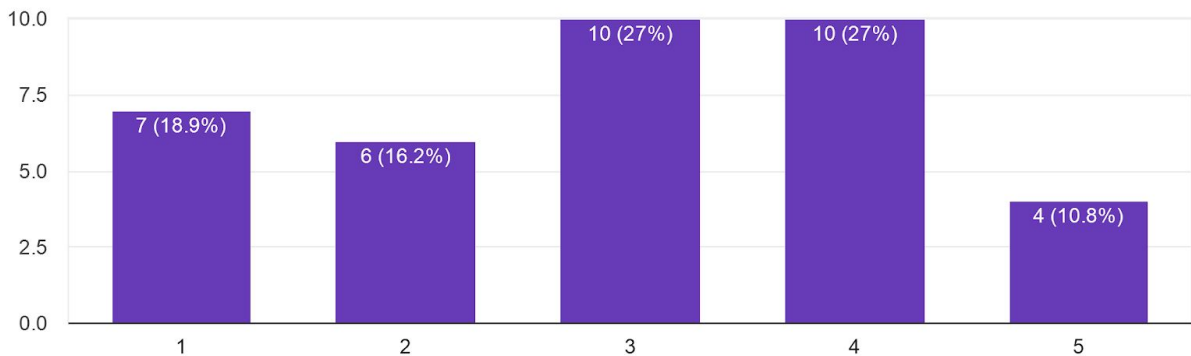


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While not perfect, the intercampus shuttle inspires more confidence in students due to it being a more controlled environment.

Do you feel safer using the Intercampus?

37 responses

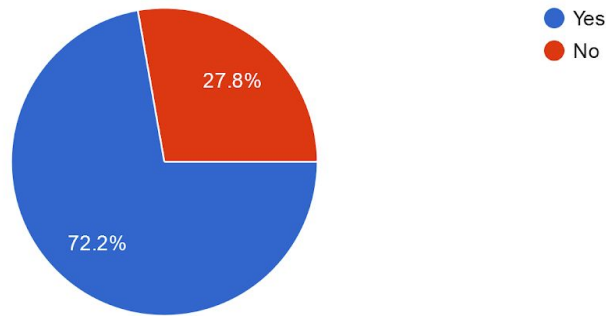


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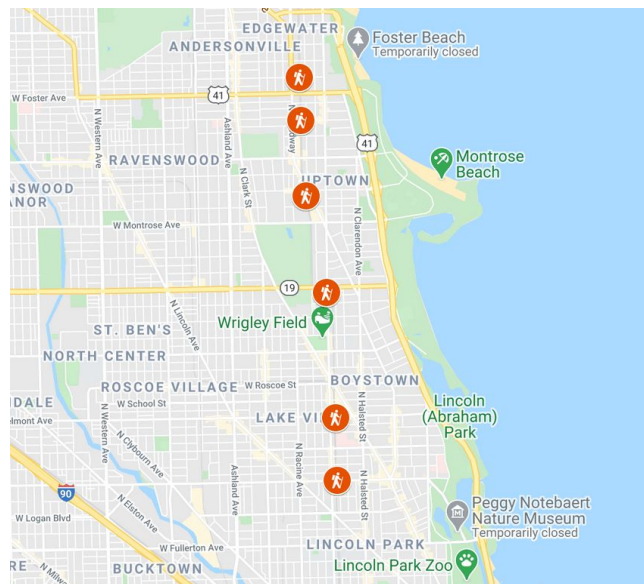
Currently the intercampus does not appropriately address students' transportation needs. These needs not only pertain to commuters but also to students that primarily work on one campus but

need to access the other campus later in the day. Out of 119 total students surveyed, 26 responders noted that they would use the intercampus shuttle after 6 pm if it was available.

If made available, would you be likely to use the Intercampus after 6PM
36 responses



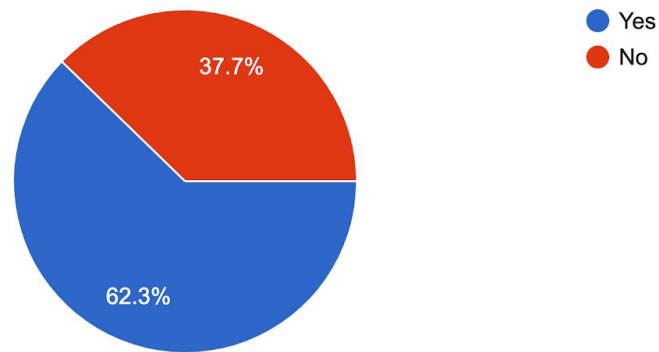
Furthermore, students note that an additional stop or stops would allow for additional students to use this safer transportation option. Based on our survey, we have identified a set of possible stops which could address this point ([map](#)).



Many students would be willing to use a Northwestern run shuttle service if such service was available.

Would you prefer to use a Northwestern run shuttle service to commute to work over your current method of commuting?

53 responses



We hope this data helps better inform the administration's plan to provide students with safe methods of transportation during the COVID19 pandemic. If you have additional questions, we are happy to address additional questions.

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