

Yesterday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [issued an Order](#) imposing a mask requirement applicable to public transportation systems, rail, and van, bus and motorcoach service providers to mitigate the risk of COVID-19. The CDC Order implements President Biden's [Executive Order 13998](#), Promoting COVID-19 Safety in Domestic and International Travel, "to save lives and allow all Americans, including the millions of people employed in the transportation industry, to travel and work safely."

Science-based measures are critical to preventing the spread of COVID-19. Mask-wearing is one of several proven life-saving measures including physical distancing, appropriate ventilation and timely testing that can reduce the transmission of COVID-19. Requiring masks will protect America's transportation workers and passengers, help control the transmission of COVID-19, and aid in re-opening America's economy.

In addition to the CDC order, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) anticipates issuing additional information and guidance on this topic.

The Department has posted a Frequently Asked Questions at this website.
<https://www.transportation.gov/safety/mask-travel-guidance>

The Department will continue to add to this site with additional information in the coming days.

The U.S. Department of Transportation will be scheduling stakeholder calls beginning the week of February 1, 2021.

Please share the mask mandate information with colleagues and send questions to FMCSAMaskUp@dot.gov.

Links

- [US DOT Mask Requirement for Public Transportation FAQs](#)
- [Executive Order on Promoting COVID-19 Safety in Domestic and International Travel](#)
- [CDC Order: Requirement for Persons to Wear Masks While on Conveyances and at Transportation Hubs](#)
- [CDC Federal Register Notice](#)
- TSA [COVID-19 hub](#)
- TSA [COVID-19 FAQs](#)

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