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MEMORANDUM

TO: DHS Coordinated Transportation Providers

FROM: Dwayne Daniel, Director OFSS

RE: CDC Mask Order

DATE: February 3, 2021

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [issued an Order](#) of new federal guidelines, effective February 1, 2021, mandating the wearing of masks on public transportation. In accordance with the guidelines, drivers and passengers of DHS Coordinated Transportation are mandated to comply with the mask mandate. The mandate does not apply under the following circumstances and exempts the following categories of persons:

- While eating, drinking, or taking medication, for brief periods
- While communicating with a person who is hearing impaired when the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication
- If unconscious (for reasons other than sleeping), incapacitated, unable to be awakened, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance
- Persons who are having difficulty breathing or shortness of breath or are feeling winded may remove the mask temporarily until able to resume normal breathing with the mask.
- Persons who are vomiting should remove the mask until vomiting ceases
- Persons with acute illness may remove the mask if it interferes with necessary medical care such as supplemental oxygen administered via an oxygen mask

If there are additional questions, please contact Cheryl Herrington, Transportation Section Manager at cheryl.herrington@dhs.ga.gov.

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