

Federal Mask Mandates for Transportation

On January 21, 2021, President Biden issued an Executive Order to promote measures to prevent the spread of COVID 19 by travelers within the United States and those who enter the country from abroad.

On Friday, January 29, 2021, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) issued an order mandating the wearing of masks while in conveyances (i.e., aircraft; trains; road vehicles such as buses, taxis, or rideshare, but not private passenger vehicles for personal use; or other means of transport such as ferries or subways.) The order also applies while within transportation hubs such as airports, railway stations, bus terminals, ports, marinas, etc. It applies to all conveyance passengers, crew, operators, service providers, and workers.

On January 31, 2021, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) issued a Security Directive to support the enforcement of the CDC Order. This directive mandates the wearing of masks while in conveyances or in a transportation hub or facility.

Copies of these orders as well as resources provided by the CDC and TSA on implementation and enforcement are provided below. Please share this information with your county's transportation/transit department to ensure they are aware of these new policies, which went into effect on **February 2, 2021**. The CDC Order will remain in effect for the duration of the public health emergency as determined by the CDC. The Security Directive is in effect through May 11, 2021. The Federal Transit Authority (FTA) will be hosting weekly calls for updates and questions.

[Executive Order 13998](#)

[CDC Order](#)

[TSA Security Directive 1582/84-21-01](#)

[CDC Press Release on Order](#)

[Federal Register Notice on CDC Order](#)

[CDC Order Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[USDOT Frequently Asked Questions on Transportation Mask Mandate](#)

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