



Interim Guidance for Public Transportation (July 27, 2021)

Guidelines for Transportation: Any scenario in which people gather together poses a risk for COVID-19 transmission. This includes public transportation conveyances or on the premises of transportation hubs. In accordance with the January 29, 2021 Order from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (updated in June 2021), face coverings are required on public transportation conveyances or on the premises of transportation hubs, regardless of vaccination status, to prevent spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.

This guidance covers the following topics:

- [CDC Federal Order](#)
- Safer Travel

Under CDC's Order

All people are **required** to:

- Wear a mask over their nose and mouth, regardless of their vaccination status, on public transportation conveyances (e.g., airplanes, ships, ferries, trains, subways, buses, taxis, ride-shares) traveling into, within, or out of the United States (including U.S. territories)
- Wear masks when boarding and disembarking conveyances, and for the duration of travel, unless they are in outdoor areas of the conveyance (if such outdoor areas exist on the conveyance).
- Wear a mask when entering or when located in the indoor areas of transportation hubs (e.g. airports, bus or ferry terminals, train or subway stations, seaports, ports of entry) in the United States and U.S. territories.
- This applies to members of the public, passengers, and conveyance operators (e.g., crew, drivers, conductors, and other workers involved in the operation of conveyances).
- For additional information, please see CDC's [FAQs](#).

Safer Travel

To protect yourself and others, delay your travel plans and stay home, until you are **fully vaccinated**.

- Get your COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible. Find your spot to take your shot and vaccine providers at NCDHHS's [Find Your Spot Website](#).
- Follow CDC's guidance for [travel](#), including information on how to choose [safer travel](#) options for families with unvaccinated children.
- Don't travel if you or any of your travel companions:
 - Are sick with symptoms of COVID-19 (even if [fully vaccinated](#) against COVID-19 or have recovered from COVID-19 in the past).
 - Have suspected or diagnosed COVID-19 (even if you don't have symptoms)

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- Have been around someone with suspected or diagnosed COVID-19 in the past 14 days (even if they did not have symptoms).
- People who have recovered from COVID-19 within the past 3 months, or are [fully vaccinated](#), do not need to self-quarantine and can travel after an exposure, unless they have [symptoms](#) of COVID-19.



**Staying apart brings us together.
Protect your family and neighbors.**

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