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## Recommendations for Transit Agencies

**These recommendations are not mandatory, but transit agencies are encouraged to follow them.**

### Transit agencies are required to:

- Comply with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [\*Requirement for Persons to Wear Masks While on Conveyances and at Transportation Hubs\*](#) (January 29, 2021), effective February 1, 2021, which includes:
  - Requiring anyone two (2) years or age or older to wear a mask that meets federal requirements
  - Making best efforts to board only those individuals wearing a mask (a face shield alone is not permitted under the federal order unless the person has a disability as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA))
  - Making best efforts to safely remove any individual refusing to comply with the mask requirement at the earliest opportunity.
- Comply with all applicable Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OR-OSHA) [requirements](#).

### Definitions: For purposes of these recommendations, the following definition applies:

- "Clean" or "Cleaning" means the use of soap or detergents and water on surfaces to reduce or remove germs from surfaces, lowering the risk of spreading infection from surfaces.

### Transit agencies may:

- Use physical partitions or visual cues (e.g., floor decals, colored tape, or signs) to discourage passengers from standing within six (6) feet of drivers.
- For rail systems, post maximum occupancy for each train car using clear, prominently placed signs. Make verbal announcements about maximum occupancy before and after each stop.
- Post clear signs, in more than one language, (available at [healthoregon.org/coronavirus](http://healthoregon.org/coronavirus)) at transit stops/centers listing COVID-19 symptoms, asking riders with symptoms to stay home, and who to contact if they need assistance. If someone with symptoms must travel, please use alternate transit, if available.

- Provide transit employees access to soap, clean running water, and drying materials, or at least 60-95% alcohol-based hand sanitizer at their worksite.
- Implement one-way flow of traffic with front door boarding and rear exiting.
- Use signs at high-traffic stops to encourage physical distancing while waiting for bus/train.
- Install hand sanitizer stations with 60-95% alcohol-based hand sanitizer solution in each bus/train to the extent possible.
- Consider installing clear plastic barriers between driver and passengers.
- Establish a policy and practice for providing alternate transportation for riders who are ill and need transportation to obtain medical care that limits possible exposure to transit employees and other members of the public.

#### **Additional Resources:**

- [CDC Requirement for Face Masks on Public Transportation Conveyances and at Transportation Hubs](#)
- [Public Health Recommendations: Wearing Masks, Face Coverings and Face Shields and Physically Distancing in Public Settings](#)
- [CDC Guidance: Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](#)

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