

STANDING ROCK PUBLIC TRANSIT

STATEMENT ON COVID-19

Executive Order 13998:

On January 21, 2021, the President of the United States signed Executive Order 13998 Promoting COVID-19 Safety in Domestic and International Travel. The order directs the Secretary of Transportation to require masks be worn in compliance with CDC guidelines in or on all forms of public transportation.

This order will remain in effect unless modified or rescinded based on specific public health or other considerations, or until the Secretary of Health and Human Services rescinds the determination under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) that a public health emergency exists.

PROCEDURES:

1. By federal law, masks are required for all persons while waiting for or on public transit. Those who fail to comply will not be allowed to use Standing Rock Public Transit and may be subject to police enforcement.
2. Children under age 2, or anyone with a disability who cannot safely wear a mask for reasons related to the disability are exempt (which includes all passengers and all personnel operating vehicles).
3. People must wear masks that completely cover both the mouth and nose while awaiting, boarding, disembarking, or traveling on public transit.
4. People must also wear masks at the transit facility.
5. Transit drivers and employees must use best efforts to ensure that any person on the vehicles wears a mask when boarding, disembarking, and for the duration of travel or while entering or on the premises of the transit facility.
6. Depending on the circumstances, operators must take the following actions:
 - a. Board/allow entry only people who wear masks;
 - b. instruct people that wearing a mask on the vehicles/premises is a requirement of federal law and that not complying with the requirement is a violation of federal law;
 - c. monitor the vehicles/premises for any person who is not wearing a mask and seek compliance from such a person;
 - d. at the earliest safe opportunity, disembark/remove from premises any person who refuses to comply; and
 - e. notify people of the requirement to make sure they are aware of and comply with the requirement to wear a mask. Notifications shall be made through the transit website, SBC Alert, and posters.
7. People are not required to wear a mask under the following circumstances:
 - a. while taking medication;
 - b. while communicating, for brief periods of time, with a person who is deaf or hard of hearing when the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication;
 - c. if unconscious (for reasons other than sleeping), incapacitated, unable to be awakened, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

REFERENCES:

Center for Disease Control – [Requirement for Face Masks on Public Transportation Conveyances and at Transportation Hubs | CDC](#)

Federal Register – [Federal Register Requirement for Persons To Wear Masks While on Conveyances and at Transportation Hubs](#)