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The CDC recently issued an [Order](#) on January 29, 2021 requiring the wearing of masks by travelers to prevent spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. This requires all persons (passengers and employees) to wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth when traveling on a conveyance (bus, train, intercity bus, road vehicle, ridesharing, etc) and within transportation hubs such as transit centers and train stations. There are exemptions for children under the age of 2, persons with a disability who cannot wear a mask because of the disability, and persons for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to workplace health, safety, or job duty.

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) also issued [Security Directive 1582/84-21-01](#) that supports and supplements the CDC's order with enforceable actions should a person refuse to wear a mask under the above circumstances. This directive requires that Owners and Operators of the transportation mode (public transportation operators and private intercity bus operators included) must notify passengers with prominent and adequate notice of the mask requirements to facilitate awareness and compliance, such as at the time of booking or when tickets are purchased. A template [sign](#) has been made available for public notification of this requirement. The directive also requires the Owners and Operators to establish written policies and procedures for disseminating this requirement and actions to be taken in the event individuals do not comply with the requirement.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are available [here](#) to help answer any questions regarding the order and directive. Please contact me or other ODOT Office of Transit staff if you have any further questions.

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