



Safe Travel is Our Priority.

Safety has always been a top priority for public transportation providers. While our dedication to safety has always been impressive, times have changed and with it, our safety standards have too.

Throughout the state of Ohio, transit systems are taking significant steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

While every person plays a role in protecting others during the pandemic, we recognize our responsibility to keep transit workers and passengers safe. In the era of COVID-19, there's much to worry about, but riding safely shouldn't be one of them.

Grab your face covering, get on board, and RIDE EASY Ohio!

Need More?

For more information about your local transit system's COVID-19 safety policies and protocols, visit your local transit system website or contact them via phone.

Visit www.ohioneedstransit.org/ride-easy-ohio

Resources

Are buses and subways to blame for the spread of COVID-19? A growing body of research suggests otherwise: [Fear of Public Transit Got Ahead of the Evidence.](#)

COVID-19 [Guidance for Ohio Public Transit and Human Service Transportation Agencies.](#)





We wear facial coverings and personal protection equipment (PPE).

Transit operators and employees wear facial coverings at all times and, during direct interaction with passengers, operators wear additional forms of PPE such as face shields and gloves.

Per the Ohio Department of Public Health, facial coverings are to be worn by passengers while waiting for and riding public transportation or a ride sharing vehicle.



We practice social distancing.

Transit systems monitor passenger loads and capacities, post reminders for employees and passengers to maintain a six-foot distance when feasible, and establish and follow maximum capacities at facilities including transit centers, bus shelters, offices and vehicles.

Some seats on vehicles and in facilities may be closed to encourage social distancing.

Barriers are being installed or considered in vehicle operator cabin areas as well as workstations, help desks, etc.



We clean and sanitize.

Vehicle types, manufacturers, and capacities vary across the state of Ohio. At a minimum, it is mandatory to sanitize vehicles nightly when the vehicle is out of service; however, most transit systems are sanitizing vehicles throughout the day, focusing on high-touch areas.

We've also enhanced cleaning efforts throughout facilities including bus shelters, transit centers, offices, and work areas.

In an effort to maintain a high standard of cleanliness, transit organizations have switched to stronger cleaning solvents in accordance with the EPA.



We practice safe hygiene.

Vehicle operators and employees are washing and sanitizing hands regularly, avoiding facial touch, and properly disposing of single-use PPE.

Hand sanitizer is widely available on vehicles and in facilities.



We self-monitor.

Per the CDC, transit employees are self-monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms, including regular temperature checks.

Transit employees are also required to follow CDC, state, and local guidance regarding self-quarantining after known exposure to COVID-19.



We work closely with local and state health agencies.

Transit systems are working with health agencies to develop cleaning and disinfecting protocols if a person with confirmed COVID-19 was known to have been in a vehicle or enclosed space. We continue to communicate with local health agencies to develop and maintain best practices in our cities and counties.

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