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Face coverings still required on RTD

Agency follows federal mandate, which remains in place through Sept. 13

DENVER (July 15, 2021) – While most businesses in the Denver metro area and Colorado have lifted the mask mandate, the [Regional Transportation District \(RTD\)](#) wants to remind the public that masks remain required on public transit through Sept. 13, per federal mandate.

RTD requires its customers and operators to wear masks while riding on the agency's system and in its facilities. This has been the case since the state mask order was issued in spring 2020, near the start of the COVID-19 global pandemic. Since then, RTD has asked its customers to be partners in safety since staying safe is everyone's responsibility. On June 10, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced that it will be amending its Face Masks Order to not require people to wear a mask in outdoor areas of conveyances or while outdoors at transportation hubs.

"Safety is RTD's core value and that's why we remain focused on employee and customer safety and continue to adhere to the Transportation Security Administration mandate," said RTD Chief Safety Officer Mike Meader. "While we are happy with the progress made in the fight against COVID-19, we are still not out of the woods and ask for our customers' cooperation in this matter."

The federal mask requirement on public transportation, which remains in effect, initially took effect Feb. 2 and pertains to the use of buses, trains, airplanes, stations and airports. To read the order or review frequently asked questions about it, [visit the CDC website](#).

To learn more about how RTD has kept its employees and customers safe throughout the pandemic, visit [rtd-denver.com/coronavirus](https://www.rtd-denver.com/coronavirus).

ABOUT RTD

The Regional Transportation District develops, operates and maintains a public transportation system that meets the transit needs of close to 3 million people within

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