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FTA and CDPH announcement confirmed facemask requirement on public transportation no longer in effect

San Diego- The Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) will no longer require riders to wear facemasks onboard, following an announcement from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on Tuesday, April 19 and guidance from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) on Wednesday, April 20. As a result of a recent federal court ruling, the FTA confirmed that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requirement for wearing facemasks on public transit and at transportation hubs is no longer in effect.

Though the FTA has lifted the facemask mandate on public transportation vehicles, the CDC and CDPH still strongly encourage the use of face coverings on public transit. Riders are encouraged to continue to wear face coverings and practice social distancing if possible.

Anyone who may be experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should take preventative measures and keep public safety in mind. People should not ride public transportation while showing symptoms of illness.

MTS operates more than 100 bus routes and three Trolley lines in 10 cities and unincorporated areas of San Diego. Frequencies and spans have been restored to near-pre-COVID-19 levels. Updated schedules can be accessed on the [MTS website](#).

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