

City of Minot

Public Works Department

FROM: Brian Horinka, Minot City Transit Superintendent
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SUBJECT: Federal Requirement for Persons to Wear Masks While On Public Transportation

On January 21, 2021 the President of the United States signed Executive Order 13998 Promoting COVID-19 Safety in Domestic and International Travel. In this order he directed the Secretary of Transportation to require masks be worn in compliance with CDC guidelines in or on all forms of public transportation. In accordance with this order the CDC has issued the requirement that persons wear masks while on conveyances and at transportation hubs. Minot City Transit and its passengers must comply with this executive order and the associated CDC order.

As per the CDC order Minot City Transit will be instituting the following requirements until further notice:

- (1) All persons boarding any City Transit buses must wear masks over their mouth and nose and continue to do so during the entire duration of the trip
- (2) Federal law requires wearing a mask on the bus and failure to comply constitutes a violation of Federal law
- (3) Monitoring of persons onboard the bus for anyone who is not wearing a mask and seeking compliance from such persons
- (4) Masks will be made available on the buses for persons that may need one.
- (5) Masks will also be required while at the transfer location at the Minot City Auditorium
- (6) Any persons refusing to comply with this mask order will be denied service until such a time that the passenger or the parent/guardian of a minor passenger contacts the Transit Superintendent.

In addition, the requirement to wear a mask shall not apply under the following circumstances:

- (1) While communicating with a person who is hearing impaired when the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication
- (2) A child under the age of 2 years
- (3) A person with a disability who cannot wear a mask, or cannot safely wear a mask, because of the disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act
- (4) A person for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to workplace health, safety or job duty as determined by the relevant workplace safety guidelines or federal regulations.

Minot City Transit appreciates your understanding and cooperation in following this federal order. If you have any questions or need any further information please contact Minot City Transit at (701) 857-4148.


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