

Face masks are strongly recommended on public transport



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NSW is now on 'high alert' as a result of the recent increase in Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases. It's essential that we all take the risks of the virus spreading very seriously and take steps to protect ourselves and our loved ones.

Following NSW Health advice, wearing a face mask while using public transport is strongly recommended, as well as in other situations where it is difficult to maintain physical distance such as:

- If you are in an enclosed place and cannot guarantee physical distancing such as buying groceries, or for customer-facing staff, such as those in hospitality or retail
- If you are in an area where there is high community transmission
- If you are attending a place of worship including a church, synagogue, temple or mosque

If physical distancing is difficult to maintain, wearing a face mask can provide some protection so long as people continue to abide by other measures and use the masks according to [health advice](#).

The most important things for you to know and follow are:

- Do not use public transport if you are unwell and if you have the slightest symptoms, get tested
- Practice physical distancing at all times
- Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands regularly
- Face masks are strongly recommended if you are on public transport or any place where physical distancing is not possible.
- Face masks are strongly recommended in taxis, hire cars and rideshare. NSW Health advises when travelling to self-isolation, you must travel in the back seat with a mask on.

Transport is a key part of NSW's plan for a COVID Safe economy, helping people safely move around, return to jobs, and providing certainty for businesses so they can plan ahead for their workforces.