

Federal Mask Mandate

COVID-19 Response



TO: San Francisco Taxi Drivers, Color Scheme Managers and Medallion Holders

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SUBJECT: Federal mask mandate no longer in effect

Following the latest guidance from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), masks are no longer required on public transportation conveyances, including taxis.

We strongly recommend that masks continue to be worn on transit, paratransit and taxi vehicles, to help protect passengers who remain at higher risk to COVID-19, including older adults, and some people with disabilities. San Francisco taxis will also continue to have a barrier separating the driver from the passenger area as an added precaution.

Although this policy change is happening quickly, because of a court decision on Monday, it has long been anticipated. Thank you for your patience as COVID-19 policies change to reflect new phases of the pandemic. And thank you for respecting each individual's decision regarding mask usage.

Please note also that face masks are now optional inside airport facilities, including the San Francisco International Airport (SFO).