PUBLIC HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS FOR REOPENING MASS TRANSIT DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



The purpose of this tool is to assist mass transit administrators in making (re)opening decisions during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important to check with state and local health officials and other partners to determine the most appropriate actions while adjusting to meet the unique needs and circumstances of the local community.

Mass transit is critical for many Americans to commute to/from work and to access essential goods and services. Mass transit may need to remain open and certain routes prioritized.

Should you consider increasing full service?

- √ Will increasing service be consistent with applicable state and local orders?
- Are you ready to protect employees at higher risk for severe illness?

ANY

NO

DO NOT

INCREASE

SERVICE



Intensify cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation of facilities and

- √ Encourage social distancing by increasing spacing of passengers and employees, closing every other row of seats and using bus rear door entry/ exit, if feasible
- and safety protocols



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Are recommended health and safety actions in place to the extent locally possible?

- √ Promote <u>healthy hygiene</u> practices such as hand washing and employees wearing a cloth face covering, as feasible
- transport vehicles/buses

- √ Limit routes to and from high transmission areas.
- ✓ Train all employees on health

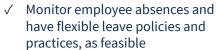


Is ongoing monitoring in place?

- ✓ Develop and implement procedures to check employees for signs and symptoms daily upon arrival, as feasible
- Encourage anyone who is sick to stay home







Be ready to consult with the local health authorities if there are cases in the facility or an increase of cases in the local area



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