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COVID-19 Lessons Learned and Transit Recovery

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Agenda

• Vaccine Access Outreach

• TSA Federal Mask Requirement Updates

• America's Open and Transit's Open Listening Sessions
Vaccine Access Outreach

• Eligibility of CARES Act, CRRSAA and ARP funds includes vaccine access services, such as:
  – Free or reduced-fare rides to COVID-19 vaccinations, and
  – Providing use of transit facilities or vehicles for vaccination sites.
• Transit agencies incentive examples for employee vaccinations include:
  – Paid time off
  – Cash Awards
  – Gift Cards
COVID-19 Vaccine Access – Available Resources

FTA COVID-19 Webpage
www.transit.dot.gov/coronavirus

- How to Build Transit Workers' Confidence in COVID-19 Vaccines Guide
- Transit Workers Vaccine Confidence Toolkit
- Frequently Asked Questions from FTA Grantees Regarding Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) (See Question CE18)
- COVID-19 Response Program Information Collection FAQs
- Increasing Vaccine Confidence Among Transit Workers Webinar
- Transit’s Role in COVID-19 Vaccination National Peer Exchange Webinar
- FTA COVID-19 Resource Tool
TSA Federal Mask Requirement Updates

• The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has extended the face mask requirement through **January 18, 2022**.

• TSA updated the [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

• A new range of penalties:
  – $500-$1,000 for first offenders and
  – $1,000-$3,000 for second offenders.

• For more information, visit [TSA’s COVID-19 webpage](#) and [FTA’s Transit Mask Up webpage](#).
America's Open and Transit's Open Listening Sessions

• The August 6, 2021 listening session focused on safety as a part of FTA’s National Transit Renewal campaign.

• Transit agency leaders shared best practices to ensure transit is safe, clean and reliable.

• Resources are available on the FTA National Transit Renewal Resource Portal including session recordings and presentations, videos, social media posts and a summary report.
Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative & Transit COVID-19 Information Collection

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Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative

• Transit worker and rider safety is a top priority for the Biden-Harris Administration and the U.S. Department of Transportation

• FTA’s Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative provides information and resources to help transit agencies prevent and address crime in their systems to protect transit workers and riders
The National Transit Institute offers two relevant courses and train-the-trainer courses:

– Assault Awareness and Prevention for Transit Operators
– Violence in the Transit Workplace: Prevention, Response and Recovery

Links to both courses are available on FTA’s Initiative website.
Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative

Federal funding is available for transit agency use to prevent and address crime, including:

- Section 5307 and 5311 funding
- COVID-19 supplemental funding
- FTA State of Good Repair Grants Program
- FTA Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program

Additional funding is available through FTA safety research programs
Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative

• Contact your **FTA Regional Office** for more information about using Federal funding for activities related to the Initiative

• Contact **FTASystemSafety@dot.gov** for more information about the Initiative
Transit COVID-19 Response Program

Information Collection

• Online application collects information monthly from the transit industry on the impacts of COVID-19
  – Transit workforce data
  – Service impacts
  – COVID-19 data
  – Vaccine access services

• Information and resources
Transit COVID-19 Response Program
Information Collection

• What transit agencies are included in the information collection?
  – Recipients and subrecipients of FTA funds under Section 5307 or Section 5311 that operate transit systems or pass through funds to subrecipients that operate transit systems
  – Section 5311 recipients (State DOTs) report data on behalf of their Section 5311 subrecipients
    » FTA has developed a template to help State DOTs collect this information from their subrecipients
Transit COVID-19 Response Program
Information Collection

Transit Worker COVID-19 Positives and Fatalities

Data as of 9/17/21
Transit COVID-19 Response Program
Information Collection

Percentage of Agencies That Used FTA Funds to Provide Vaccine Access Services - By Agency Type and Service Type (At Any Point Since the Beginning of the Public Health Emergency)

- Any Vaccine Access Service: Urban providers 51%, Rural & Tribal providers 47%
- Free Rides: Urban providers 43%, Rural & Tribal providers 43%
- Reduced Fares: Urban providers 7%, Rural & Tribal providers 10%
- Transit Facilities as Vaccination Sites: Urban providers 10%, Rural & Tribal providers 3%
- Transit Vehicles as Mobile Vaccination Sites: Urban providers 3%, Rural & Tribal providers 2%

Data as of 9/17/21