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MASKS NO LONGER REQUIRED ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Grand Valley Transit Will No Longer Require Use of Face Coverings/Masks

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In order to combat the spread of COVID-19, on May 21, 2020, Grand Valley Transit (GVT) implemented a policy requiring all passengers to wear a face mask/covering. This policy was reinforced on February 1, 2021, when the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) released Security Directive 1582/84-21-01, which required face masks/coverings on all public transportation. On March 28, 2022 the Grand Valley Regional Transportation Committee approved a motion directing GVT to follow the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) policy framework regarding masking requirements for passengers and drivers on Grand Valley Transit.

Today, the Federal Transit Authority notified public transit agencies that the CDC order requiring masks on public transportation conveyances and at transportation hubs is no longer in effect and that the TSA will no longer enforce its mask-related Security Directives. Per these updates from the CDC and TSA, **Grand Valley Transit will no longer enforce facial coverings/masks on buses or in transit facilities, effective immediately.**

While no longer a requirement, GVT continues to recommend that passengers wear masks and social distance to the extent possible while riding the bus. GVT strongly encourages anyone who is feeling ill to stay home and not ride GVT.

As these developments have occurred quickly, GVT asks all riders and members of the public to be respectful of others who may be receiving this information at different times, and asks riders to be patient as GVT updates its information resources.
