



## Face Mask Exemption Process for Cottonwood Area Transit/Verde Lynx Passengers

In accordance to the order issued by The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, which requires the wearing of facemasks by travelers, Cottonwood Area Transit is requiring that passengers wear face masks (when it is safe to do so) while riding with us. Masks are to be worn while boarding, riding and disembarking from our buses. **If you are unable to wear a mask for any reason**, you will need to get approval from the Cottonwood Area Transit/Verde Lynx Main Office; ***BEFORE*** being allowed to board any of our buses without a mask. Documentation from a physician, stating that the individual cannot wear a mask due to medical or other reasons will be required. It is the responsibility of the rider to provide such documentation to the CATS/Lynx Office for review prior to riding. Upon approval of qualifying documentation, you will be issued a pass that will allow you to board any of our buses without a mask. If you have any questions regarding this process, you may contact the office at (928)634-2287 or email Bruce Morrow at [bmorrow@cottonwoodaz.gov](mailto:bmorrow@cottonwoodaz.gov)

### Order Summary:

*The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued an [Order](#) on January 29, 2021, requiring the wearing of masks by travelers to prevent spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. Conveyance operators must also require that all persons wear masks when boarding, disembarking, and for the duration of travel, with certain exemptions as described in the Questions below. The Order defines “conveyance” as including “aircraft, train, road vehicle (including rideshares), vessel...or other means of transport, including military transport.” (42 CFR §§ 70.1, 71.1). Operators of transportation hubs must require all persons wear a mask when entering or on the premises of a transportation hub. A “transportation hub” means any airport, bus terminal, marina, seaport, or other port, subway station, terminal, train station, U.S. port of entry, or any other location that provides transportation”. More information about this order can be found on the [CDC’s website](#), including CDC’s FAQ’s for this mask requirement, [here](#).*

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