



Disability Exemptions of the Federal Order: Wearing of face masks while on conveyances and at transportation hubs

Most individuals, including those with disabilities, can tolerate and safely wear a mask. However, a narrow subset of individuals with disabilities may not be able to wear a mask or cannot safely wear a mask

This is a narrow exception that includes a person with a disability who cannot wear a mask for reasons related to the disability; who, e.g., do not understand how to remove their mask due to cognitive impairment, cannot remove a mask on their own due to dexterity/mobility impairments, or cannot communicate promptly to ask someone else to remove their mask due to speech impairments or language disorders, or cannot wear a mask because doing so would impede the function of assistive devices/technology. It is not meant to cover persons for whom mask-wearing may only be difficult.

If you are unable to wear a mask, you will need to get approval from the Cottonwood Area Transit/Verde Shuttle Main Office; **BEFORE** being allowed to board any of our buses without a mask. Documentation from a medical physician, stating that the individual cannot wear a mask due to medical, physical, or other reasons will be required. **CDC, TSA and ADA provide the criteria used to determine an exemption.** It is the responsibility of the rider to provide such documentation to the CAT/Verde Shuttle 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 Rudy Rodriguez at rrodriguez@cottonwoodaz.gov

For full information on face mask requirements, visit
<https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/masks/mask-travel-guidance.html>



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