

## REQUIREMENT TO WEAR MASKS ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT

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### Principle

On the basis of Article 3a of the COVID-19-Ordinance on the special situation (Covid-19-Verordnung zur besonderen Lage) and the explanations regarding this ordinance, passengers are required to wear face masks on public transport vehicles from 6 July 2020.

There are exceptions for:

- a. children up to the age of 12;
- b. people who cannot wear face masks for particular reasons, in particular for medical reasons.

The requirement applies to public transport vehicles, such as trains, trams, buses, boats and cableways (not definitive).

The requirement does not apply at stations, on platforms or when waiting at a bus stop. The requirement does not apply to restaurants or bars on boats or trains, though they must have a protection plan.

The mask may be removed when eating a small picnic where eating on the vehicle is in principle allowed.

On cross-border services, the requirement to wear masks applies – regulations from abroad concerning foreign territory notwithstanding – from borders and within Switzerland.

Passengers are themselves responsible for ensuring they are in possession of a face mask for travel by public transport. Scarves or other generic fabric items are not face masks.

The rules of the public transport protection plan continue to apply, in particular the distancing and hygiene rules.

### Vehicles where masks must be worn

Details about public transport vehicles on board which masks must be worn:

Public transport vehicles are vehicles for transporting passengers run by companies with a concession under Article 6 or a permit under Article 8 of the Act on the carriage of passengers of 20 March 2009 (Personenbeförderungsgesetz, PBG, classified compilation 745.1). The PBG governs the regular commercial carriage of persons by rail, road, waterway, cableway, elevator and other means of transport bound to the route of their infrastructure (Art. 1 paragraph 2 PBG).

In the vehicles used for the carriage of passengers, face masks must be worn; this also applies to the open deck of boats.

The cabins on board tourist transport services are also notably classified as vehicles for the purposes of this Act (cf. Art. 2 paragraph 2 letter b of PBG). The only exceptions are ski lifts and chair lifts; in this case, the stipulations of the operator's protection plan apply.