

Effective October 1, 2020

Mandatory Masks/Face Covering while using Transit

In the interests of public health and reducing the spread of COVID-19, Yorkton City Council approved the following requirements for City Transit and Access Transit at their September 14, 2020 meeting to become effective October 1, 2020.

1. Passengers must supply their own masks or face covering* and be wearing them prior to boarding the bus/van. Cloth masks or disposable masks can be purchased at many local stores in Yorkton.
2. If a passenger is not wearing a mask they will be denied boarding. The following passengers will be exempt from wearing a non-medical mask or face covering:
 - a. Anyone with an underlying medical condition or disability which inhibits the ability to wear a mask or face covering – substantiated in writing, by a medical practitioner;
 - b. Children under 5 years of age;
3. It will be the driver's responsibility to enforce the mask/face covering requirement;
4. If a passenger removes their mask/face covering during a trip, they will be dropped off at their stop and told that if it happens again they will be banned from accessing transit for 2 weeks before being allowed to access the service again;
5. Drivers will be required to wear a mask for the duration of their entire shift, even if social distancing can be maintained;
6. A supply of disposable masks will be on-hand for passengers wanting to ride the bus but do not have one for their trip. Supplying a mask is meant to be a one time occurrence and not for repeat occurrences.
7. Passengers wanting to discuss this requirement can call the Transit Supervisor at 306-621-6580 or the City of Yorkton at 306-786-1752.

To be considered a proper face covering, the following conditions must be met

- Be made of at least 2 layers of tightly woven material fabric such as cotton or linen
- Fit securely to the head
- Be large enough to completely and comfortably cover the nose and mouth without gaping

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