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Dear Transit Partners,

Per this Press Release; <https://www.tsa.gov/news/press/releases/2021/04/30/tsa-extends-face-mask-requirement-airports-and-throughout>, the TSA Mask Mandate that was originally set to expire on May 11th, 2021 has been extended to September 13th, 2021. You have all confirmed receipt of the mandate and created policies or procedures already so no additional actions are with exception to compliance with it is anticipated. There are no changes to the mandate itself.

As a reminder of the original mandate, please refer to the information below from the original email on February 5th, 2021.

Thank you!

On February 1, 2021, the attached Security Directive was made effective by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) mandating specific mask requirements in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The mask requirement is based on President Biden's [Executive Order 13998](#), issued January 21, 2021. To implement the presidential EO, on Friday, January 29, the CDC issued an [order, Requirement for Persons to Wear Masks While on Conveyances and at Transportation Hubs](#), and on Sunday, January 31, the TSA issued [Security Directive 1582/84-21-01](#).

These orders require that public transportation workers and riders (2 years and older) wear face masks at all times (unless an official exception applies) while on public transportation vehicles or in public transportation facilities including airports, bus and train stations or stops. Individuals who do not comply with these requirements must be denied boarding and/or removed from the transit vehicle and/or facility. Take note of the following differences this directive makes compared to the Mask Requirements for the State of North Carolina:

- The TSA's definition of a mask does not include face shields as a mask means material covering the nose and mouth of the wearer.
- The Security Directive has an exception for children under the age of two, while the State's is under five.

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