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## **VTA Strongly Recommends, But No Longer Requires Masks on Board Transit Vehicles**

**SAN JOSE** – In light of recent decisions by the federal government to lift mask requirements on public transit, VTA is strongly recommending, but not requiring passengers and employees to wear masks aboard VTA buses, light rail, and paratransit vehicles, and at all VTA facilities.

While the reversal in mask requirement at the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are court-mandated, this does not signal an end to the COVID-19 pandemic. Public Health experts still recommend wearing facemasks in a variety of settings, including mass transit.

VTA is in the process of removing on board signage requiring masks and changes will be made accordingly.

### ***About VTA***

*Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is an independent special district responsible for bus, light rail and paratransit operations; and also serves as the county's congestion management agency.*