

Return to Work on Transit

New Start, Travel Safe, Save Money



If you're returning to work full-time, or are an essential worker, you **CAN** feel safe using transit. Recent studies of transit systems around the country and elsewhere have found that riding transit is safe and has many benefits.

Here are the facts:

- **There is no direct correlation between riding transit and transmission of COVID-19**
- Cities like Hartford, CT, New York City, Salt Lake City, UT, Columbus, Ohio, and Austin, TX show that while ridership has remained constant, COVID-19 cases have fluctuated down and up independent of transit use
- All cities surveyed required riders to wear masks, an effective way to reduce person-to-person transmission of the virus

Follow Safety Practices

- Wear a mask
- Maintain physical distance (6 ft), if possible
- Don't eat or drink on board
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before and at the end of your trip

What Transit Operators Are Doing

- Enhanced and frequent cleaning of vehicles and high touch points
- Bus drivers and train conductors are masked
- Encouraging physical separation of customers onboard vehicles
- Enhanced ventilation
 - Full air exchange every 6 minutes on trains
 - Frequent door openings on buses
- Contactless payment methods to avoid close interaction with transit personnel
 - Train – CTrail eTix App for New Haven Line, CTrail Hartford Line and CTrail Shore Line East
 - Bus (CTtransit and CTfastrak) – GO CT Card Mobile

The Many Benefits of Using Transit

- Saves money compared to the cost of driving to work annually
 - \$756 for transit versus \$9,282 to drive
- Improves health and lowers blood pressure compared to driving by
 - Lowering stress
 - Keeping you active
- Helps fight climate change by lowering harmful Green House Gas Emissions
 - 38% of GHG come from private vehicles, more than any other source
- Eliminates traffic congestion
 - One bus takes 39 cars off the road
 - One train takes 425 cars off the road

More Information:

1. COVID-19 Transit Use Guideline
2. Transit Studies: Schwartz, S., *Public Transit and COVID-19 Pandemic: Global Research and Best Practices*, September 2020, American Public Transportation Association
3. Connecticut COVID-19 Guidance and Requirements for using transit

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