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
3. Connecticut COVID-19 Guidance and Requirements for using transit

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