



Mass Transit

COVID-19 (RE)OPENING DECISION TREE*

Are You Ready to Open?

Follow this guide to help determine if your organization is ready to (re)open bus and rail routes and to protect bus and rail operators and maintenance and station workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Be sure to also check with your state and local health officials in order to take the most appropriate steps for a safe and responsible (re)opening. **NOTE: Mass transit is critical for many Americans to commute to/from work and to access essential goods and services. Mass transit may need to remain open and certain routes prioritized.**

NO

YES

1 Do you have PERMISSION?

Do your state and local orders permit increased mass transit service?

2 Can you provide PROTECTION?

Can you comfortably check this box?

- Can you **PROTECT** employees at higher risk for severe illness?

3 Have you established POLICIES?

Can you check ALL FIVE boxes?

- Do you **COMMUNICATE** and **PROMOTE** healthy hygiene practices (hand washing; employees wearing cloth face coverings) as feasible?
- Have you intensified **CLEANING, DISINFECTION, and VENTILATION** of facilities and transport vehicles/buses?
- Do you encourage—verbally and through signs and messaging—anyone who is sick to **STAY HOME**?
- Do you encourage **SOCIAL DISTANCING** by increasing spacing of passengers and employees, closing every other row of seats, and using bus rear door entry/exit if feasible?
- Do you limit routes to and from high transmission areas?

4 Do you have a PLAN?

Can you check ALL SEVEN boxes?

- Do you have **PROCEDURES** to check for signs and symptoms in employees daily upon arrival?
- Do you have a **PLAN** for if an employee gets sick?
- Do you **TRAIN** all employees on health and safety protocols?
- Do you have a plan for **COMMUNICATING AND MONITORING DEVELOPMENTS** with local authorities, employees, and the public?
- Do you have a flexible employee **LEAVE POLICY** and the ability to monitor employee absences while maintaining services?
- Are you ready to **CONSULT** with local health authorities if there are cases in your facility or an increase in cases in the local area?



Yes.
But monitor.

If ANY boxes are un-checked...



No.
Do not open.



Not yet.
Keep preparing.

*This decision tree is a modified design of an original produced by the United States Center for Disease Control (CDC). Language has been edited from the original but the concept and checkbox points come directly from the CDC's original design.

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/Camps-Decision-Tree.pdf>