

FTA Mask Mandate Information



Harford Transit LINK is committed to the safety of our riders, community, and team. In response to the requirements of the Federal Mask Mandate, below are some highlights and guidance.

1. Passengers must wear a mask over their mouth and nose when boarding and during the entire ride.
 - a. Passengers may only board if they are wearing a mask.
 - b. Passengers who are under the age of two (2) are not required to wear a mask.
2. For Passengers who are requesting a medical exemption under the FTA Mask Mandate, the following applies:
 - a. The client must have submitted an ADA Eligibility application and received a Harford Transit LINK ADA mobility or fixed route qualification card.
 - i. These persons with disabilities who cannot wear a mask, or cannot safely wear a mask, *because* of the disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) may be eligible for an exemption.
 - ii. The application should include a letter from a licensed medical provider, and/or other information stating why they cannot wear a mask for reasons related to their documented disability.

Please keep in mind, this is a narrow exception that includes a person with a disability who cannot wear a mask for reasons related to the disability; who, e.g.,

- does not understand how to remove their mask due to cognitive impairment,
- cannot remove a mask on their own due to dexterity/mobility impairments,
- cannot communicate promptly to ask someone else to remove their mask due to speech impairments or language disorders,
- cannot wear a mask because doing so would impede the function of assistive devices/technology.

It is **not** meant to cover persons for whom mask-wearing may only be difficult.

To apply for an exemption:

1. If you already have a Harford Transit LINK ADA qualification card:
 - a. Please submit a letter from your licensed medical provider stating the disability and the reason you cannot wear a mask.
2. If you need to request a Harford Transit LINK ADA qualification card:
 - a. Use [this link](#) to our Application. Please complete all areas and have your licensed medical provider complete the medical section.
 - b. When submitting the application, please submit a letter from your licensed medical provider stating the disability and the reason you cannot wear a mask.

These applications should be sent to:

Mail To: Harford Transit LINK
ADA and/or Reduced Fare Services
1311 Abingdon Rd
Abingdon, MD 21009
Or
FAX To: 410-612-1745
Or
Scan and email to: hcts@harfordcountymd.gov

For the full Federal Mask Mandate you can use this link https://www.tsa.gov/sites/default/files/sd-1582_84-21-01.pdf