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## **SunLine Transit Agency Enforces Riverside County Order to Cover Your Face**

***All Passengers Must Have Face Covered to Ride and Await Service at Bus Stops; Transit Should Be Used for Essential Trips Only***

*(Thousand Palms)* As directed by the Riverside County Department of Health, SunLine Transit Agency is enforcing Public Health Officer, Dr. Cameron Kaiser's latest order informing all residents that they must cover their faces when leaving home to protect against the spread of COVID-19 (effective April 5, 2020).

This means all passengers must have their faces covered in order to ride SunLine Transit Agency's fixed route and paratransit services, as well as while they await service at SunLine bus stops. All operators are wearing masks, as well. Face coverings can include bandannas, scarves, or other clothing that does not have visible holes, according to Riverside County officials.

"While covering our faces has become the next essential step we must all take to help flatten the curve, we also want to emphasize that transit should be used for trips accessing essential services only," said Lauren Skiver, CEO/General Manager of SunLine Transit Agency. "By working together, we will protect ourselves and others by doing all we can to reduce the spread of COVID-19."

Other steps SunLine has taken to respond to this health crisis include offering free fares to minimize contact with transit operators and the farebox area as well as enhanced cleaning procedures to include additional disinfecting efforts for fixed route and paratransit vehicles and bus stops. SunLine continues to closely monitor the situation and will make changes as needed.

For up-to-date information, riders are encouraged to check SunLine's myStop App, Twitter, and its website at <https://www.sunline.org/COVID>. SunLine will continue to monitor updates from the CDC and act accordingly.

Any questions can be directed to Brittney Sowell at 760-343-3456 or by emailing [bsowell@sunline.org](mailto:bsowell@sunline.org).

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### **About SunLine**

*SunLine Transit Agency is a joint powers authority formed in 1977 to operate the Coachella Valley's public transportation system. SunLine offers fixed route bus service and curb-to-curb paratransit for the mobility impaired. Its fixed route and paratransit vehicles travel more than 4.1 million miles per year, covering over 619 bus stops located throughout a 1,120 mile-service area, carrying approximately 4.2 million riders. SunLine*

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