

HUMAN RESOURCES

To: All STA Employees
From: Nancy Williams, Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations
Date: March 10, 2022
Subject: TSA Extends Mask Mandate through April 18, 2022

The Transportation Security Administration announced today that the mask mandate, previously scheduled to end on March 18th, will be extended through April 18th, 2022.

Washington's state mask mandate will be lifted on March 12th, 2022, however as a public transportation agency, STA falls under TSA regulations. This means that STA's current masking requirements will continue until April 18th, 2022. This applies to all employees, visitors, contractors, and customers in STA facilities and while riding the bus or paratransit.

I understand this comes as frustrating news, as many of us were looking forward to the option of not wearing a mask at work. I also recognize that this may cause confusion and frustration from customers who may not be aware that public transportation requirements differ from state mandates. The Communications department is working a plan to help educate our riders regarding this extension.

As we enter into the next few weeks, I ask you for your continued dedication and patience with the mask mandate. If there are ways that STA can support you and your job duties during this time, please let me know.