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## SECURITY DIRECTIVE

<u>NUMBER</u>	SD 1582/84-21-01B
<u>SUBJECT</u>	Security Measures – Mask Requirements
<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	September 14, 2021
<u>EXPIRATION DATE</u>	<b>January 18, 2022</b>
<u>CANCELS AND SUPERSEDES</u>	SD 1582/84-21-01A
<u>APPLICABILITY</u>	Each owner/operator identified in 49 CFR 1582.1(a); each owner/operator identified in 49 CFR 1584.1 that provides fixed-route service as defined in 49 CFR 1500.3
<u>AUTHORITY</u>	49 U.S.C. 114
<u>LOCATION</u>	United States

### PURPOSE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and to reduce the spread of the virus, the President issued an Executive Order, *Promoting COVID-19 Safety in Domestic and International Travel*, on January 21, 2021, requiring masks to be worn in and on airports, on commercial aircraft, and in various modes of surface transportation.<sup>1</sup> On January 27, 2021, the Acting Secretary of Homeland Security determined a national emergency existed<sup>2</sup> requiring the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to issue this Security Directive (SD) to implement the Executive Order and enforce the related Order<sup>3</sup> issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), pursuant to the authority of 49 U.S.C. section 114. Consistent with these mandates and TSA's authority, TSA is issuing this SD requiring masks to be worn to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The requirements in this SD must be applied to all persons in or on one of the

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<sup>1</sup> 86 FR 7205 (published Jan. 26, 2021).

<sup>2</sup> Acting Secretary David P. Pekoske, Determination of a National Emergency Requiring Actions to Protect the Safety of Americans Using and Employed by the Transportation System (Jan. 27, 2021), *available at* <https://www.dhs.gov/publication/determination-national-emergency-requiring-actions-protect-safety-americans-using-and> (accessed Feb. 22, 2021). The Acting Secretary's determination directs TSA to take actions consistent with its statutory authorities "to implement the Executive Order to promote safety in and secure the transportation system." In particular, the determination directs TSA to support "the CDC in the enforcement of any orders or other requirements necessary to protect the transportation system, including passengers and employees, from COVID-19 and to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 through the transportation system."

<sup>3</sup> See Order Under Section 361 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. § 264) and 42 Code of Federal Regulations §§ 70.2, 71.31(B), 71.32(B); Requirement for Persons to Wear Masks While on Conveyances and at Stations, Ports, or Similar Transportation Hubs (January 29, 2021).