

Public Health Order Exemption: Mandatory Face Coverings

Members are advised of a recent exemption to the mandatory wearing of face masks on public transport issued by NSW Minister for Health Brad Hazzard MP.

The order states a person is exempt from wearing a mask if they:

- 1. Are at premises, at a public transport waiting area, or in a vehicle for the purposes [of] their employment or engagement; **AND***
- 2. Are not interacting directly with members of the public.*

This is limited to staff, contractors, volunteers, or workers at the premises.

This exemption is especially relevant to Guards who under this order are not required to wear a mask in their Cabs. You are still required to wear a mask when on the platform or interacting with the public.

Full health orders and exemptions can be found on the NSW Government Health website.

Members will still be required to comply with other elements of the health order by wearing a mask or face covering in paid transport areas including stations, platforms or whilst using public transport.

The RTBU will continue to support health advice for the safety of our members and the traveling public.

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If you have any questions, please contact your local delegate or organiser.

