

Human Resources Legislative Update

New Measures for Use of Face Coverings in Transportation Sector

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On June 3, 2020, the [federal government announced](#) new measures for the use of face coverings in the transportation sector.

The [backgrounder](#) states that the use of face coverings will now be required for all employees who cannot maintain a distance of two metres from other workers, or from passengers.

The new measures apply to the following four sectors:

Aviation. Face covering requirement measures in effect June 4, 2020 include passengers, some flight crew, gate agents, CATSA screening officers, certain other airport workers and other specified individuals unable to maintain two metres distance.

Marine: All workers in this sector must have a face covering in their possession, or have access to one, which must be worn when recommended, when physical distancing of two meters cannot be maintained, or when required by local authorities or vessel masters.

Rail. Transport Canada is asking rail operators to notify passengers that they will be asked to wear a face covering when they cannot maintain physical distancing of two metres, to provide or make accessible face coverings to all workers, and to ensure that the covering is worn when recommended, when distancing of two meters cannot be maintained, or when required by local authorities.

Road. Practices for use of masks, face coverings and gloves are being established, in collaboration with the provinces, territories and industry for:

- Commercial vehicle and motor carrier operations
- Intercommunity bus operations
- Urban transit operations.