



COVID-19: Recommendations for public transport

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Basic situation

Public transport is essential for a functioning economy and an important part of our society. It is therefore vital that a basic service can be maintained. When lots of people are using public transport, however, there is an increased risk of infection with the new coronavirus. In order to minimise this risk when using public transport, the FOPH has issued the following recommendations:

Recommendations to the public: Avoid unnecessary journeys by public transport

- With immediate effect and until further notice, you are recommended to avoid public transport, particularly at peak times.
- Keep your distance from other people when waiting at the station or bus stop.
- Do not use public transport for tourist or leisure trips.
- If you are using public transport, keep your distance from other people and comply with the rules on hygiene and general behaviour.
- Do not use public transport if you have any symptoms of a respiratory illness (e.g. a dry cough or raised temperature) - stay at home.
- If possible, walk or cycle to work.
- Persons over the age of 65 should avoid using public transport if at all possible.

Recommendations to employers

- Employers should instruct their employees not to use public transport at peak times.
- Employers should allow their employees to work flexible hours so they can avoid travelling at peak times.
- If possible, working from home should be permitted and made possible.

Recommendations to public transport companies

- The national and regional public transport service will be maintained in order to allow the economy and society to function and to spread travellers across routes and timetables.
- Leisure and tourist traffic will be restricted or cancelled at the request of individual transport companies.
- International passenger services will be maintained provided they form part of the basic service and are not restricted or prohibited by decisions taken by neighbouring countries.
- Transport companies are responsible for taking measures to protect their staff. Catering services will not be provided on trains.
- The system managers for the SBB (for railways) und PostAuto (for roads) will work with the FOT to ensure that these recommendations are implemented by all public transport companies. They are responsible for the uniform implementation of additional measures throughout Switzerland in their given area. The individual transport companies are responsible for implementing mandatory measures.
- Goods transport services will continue as normal. There is no public health reason to restrict these services.