

ROAD TRANSPORT AND SAFETY AGENCY

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUIREMENT TO WEAR A FACE MASK ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT

All passengers and public transport operators are hereby advised of their legal obligation to wear a face mask on public transport and follow all Public Health guidelines to mitigate the risk of the spread of the coronavirus in line with Statutory Instrument No. 22 of 2020 – the Public Health (Infected Area) (Coronavirus Diseases 2019) Regulation 2020.

Therefore, the following measures must be observed to minimise the risk of exposure to coronavirus on public transport:

- 1. It is a requirement for all passengers to wear face masks when using public transport (Buses or Taxis);
- 2. School pupils using public transport or school transport must wear face masks when on board;
- 3. Drivers, conductors and the bus crew are required to provide information by explaining the compulsory requirement on wearing face masks on public transport and ensuring that passengers oblige;
- 4. Drivers should refuse to carry a passenger who fails to wear a face mask when boarding a bus or taxi; and
- 5. Passenger transport operators are required to take all reasonable measures to minimise the risk of exposure to coronavirus on their premises, which includes vehicles. They have a part to play in keeping people safe while travelling.

All passenger transport operators and bus drivers are guided to ensure that the information contained herein, is followed and displayed in a prominent place on a bus or taxi and facilities such as bus stops and bus stations, whenever feasible.

The Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) is on high alert to ensure total compliance on the outlined measures to minimise the risk of exposure to coronavirus among the travelling public. It is an offence not to wear a face mask on public transport.

Kindly take this as official notification.

For any queries contact the RTSA on 0211228798 or Email <u>askrtsa@rtsa.org.zm or visit</u> Facebook/askrtsa.com or website: www.rtsa.org.zm

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