PORT AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE FINE FOR FAILURE TO WEAR MASK OR FACE COVERING AT AGENCY FACILITIES

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Travelers Who Fail to Wear a Mask or Face Covering Subject to Recommended $50 Fine Starting Monday, November 2

Face Coverings Are Required at Port Authority Facilities – Including Airport Terminals, PATH Stations and Trains, AirTrain Stations and Trains, Midtown Bus Terminal, GWB Bus Station and Oculus – to Help Protect Fellow Passengers and Employees from the Spread of COVID-19

Today the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey announced that it will impose a fine for failure to wear a mask or face covering appropriately in Port Authority facilities. Travelers could be liable for the new recommended fine of $50 effective Monday, November 2, 2020. This move is part of agency's commitment to supporting the New York and New Jersey state requirements on mask wearing in transportation facilities.

The Port Authority will continue to put primary emphasis on voluntary compliance. Since March, the agency has used public announcements, posters and digital signage, mask giveaways and education days, and one-on-one interaction to make travelers aware of the health and safety protocols established by the states of New York and New Jersey in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on the Port Authority's COVID-19 response, please visit: https://www.panynj.gov/port-authority/en/alerts/coronavirus-updates.html

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