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Southern California
Commuters

5 Tips for Carpooling or Vanpooling During COVID-19



If you carpool or vanpool to work, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) offers these guidelines for traveling safely:

1. To protect yourself and others, wear a mask or face covering over your nose and mouth.
2. Limit the number of passengers in the vehicle to only those necessary. Even better, travel only with other members of your household.
3. Practice social distancing if you must share the vehicle with people not in your household. Sit as far away as possible from others, such as in the rear seat diagonally from the driver



in a carpool or by staggering passengers in a vanpool.

4. If you can, open windows to allow for better air circulation and therefore less exposure to airborne contaminants.
5. Avoid contact with surfaces frequently touched by other passengers, such as the door frame and handles, windows, and other vehicle parts. Carry hand sanitizer to use after the drive.

For more information on commuting safely during the pandemic, visit the CDC at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

An Important Reminder for Vanpoolers:

If your vanpool participates in a subsidy program in **Los Angeles, Orange** or **Riverside/San Bernardino** counties, you are *required* to submit monthly reports online and on time in order to receive your subsidy.

Online reporting is especially vital now to allow for contactless submittal and also due to difficulties processing paperwork with COVID restrictions requiring many agency employees to work offsite.

In Brief

MetroLink Installs New Air Filters

MetroLink recently installed new, state-of-the-art antimicrobial air filters on all its train cars. The filters capture and destroy 99.9% of impurities and coordinate with MetroLink's ventilation system as another layer to screen out viral and bacterial particles. Read all about it—along with other steps MetroLink has taken to protect the health and safety of passengers—at [metrolinktrains.com](https://www.metrolinktrains.com).



Construction News on the I-405



It's now easier to find the construction updates you need for your commute on the I-405 in Orange County, thanks to a redesign of the improvement project's online portal. Visitors will find a clearer path to the most requested items, including maps, closures, detours, and construction information. Get it at [octa.net](https://www.octa.net).

Get Important Transportation Updates

You can find daily updates on Coronavirus impacts on transportation in Southern California—including changes to transit service, express lanes, freeways and more—at [go511.com/coronavirus](https://www.go511.com/coronavirus). Commute help is also available by calling 511.



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