Taipei Rapid Transit Corporation Modifies Mandatory Face Mask Requirement

With the subsiding of the COVID-19 threat in Taiwan and in compliance with the directives of Taiwan Centers for Disease Control, the Taipei Rapid Transit Corporation (TRTC) announced that it will be easing mandatory face mask requirements for MRT riders starting June 7.

Instead of wearing face mask at all times, the new directive eases the requirement for face mask-wearing to 2 circumstances: 1) entering the gates, and 2) Anytime inside the station or MRT train when there is not enough room to maintain the 1.5-meter distancing.

TRTC expressed its gratitude to commuters for adhering to COVID-19 prevention guidelines. The company noted that even before the implementation of prevention measures, nearly 90-percent of passengers have already donned face masks when taking the MRT. Between April 4 and June 5, only 2 passengers were referred to the police over non-cooperation with the face mask guidelines.
Figures indicate that the MRT system served an average of 1.7 million riders per day in the month of May. This is a decrease of 21-percent in passenger volume compared to the same period in 2019. Likewise, the latest number from June reported an average of 2 million riders a day, showing a gradual hike in passenger volume thanks to the cooling-down of the pandemic.

The company reminds passengers to refrain from talking on the train and try to maintain social distancing at all time. Passengers who have a body temperature exceeding 38-C will be denied service. Please stay at home or seek medical help if you are experiencing cough or other flu symptoms to safeguard your own health and the health of others.

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