

# WELCOME TO GREATER MANCHESTER!

## Planning your journey to and from university

This guide will help you understand how you can travel safely and sustainably on public transport or on foot or by bike, including planning your journey and thinking about how and when you travel.

For the latest travel information and advice visit [tfgm.com](https://www.tfgm.com) and follow [@OfficialTfGM](https://twitter.com/OfficialTfGM) and [@MCRMetroLink](https://twitter.com/MCRMetroLink) on Twitter for live updates, for bus/rail follow the relevant operator and you can call our contact centre on **0161 244 1000** between 7am and 8pm on weekdays and from 8am to 7pm at weekends.

Remember to check on your university's website for further information about how to get to and around campus.

## Keeping yourselves and others safe while using public transport

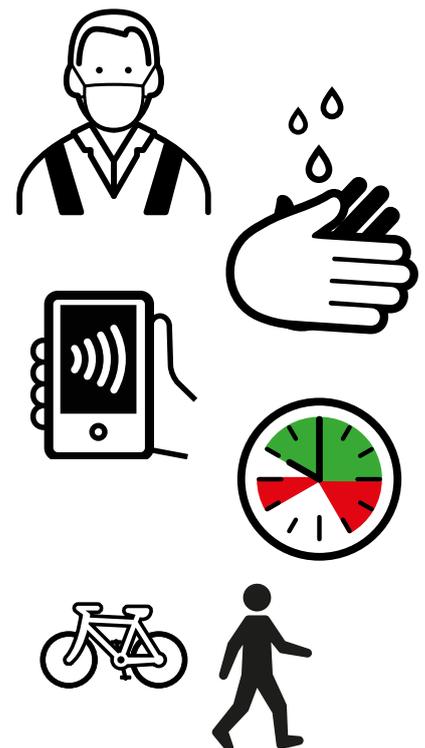
While many restrictions have been lifted it does not mean that the risk from coronavirus has disappeared. To help keep yourselves and others safe you:

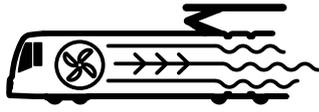
- must wear a face covering, unless exempt if you are using the Metrolink network, bus stations or interchanges or using Ring and Ride services;
- are expected to wear a face covering when using buses and trains or using taxis and private hire vehicles;
- should open windows, where possible, to maintain fresh air flow and ventilation;
- should clean your hands frequently by washing with soap and water or using hand sanitiser;
- should use contactless payment if you can;
- can travel during quieter times;
- can consider walking or cycling, particularly for short trips.

## Who we are

We are **Transport for Greater Manchester** – the local government body responsible for delivering Greater Manchester's transport strategy and commitments.

It's our job to do everything we can to keep you moving and we work closely with bus, tram and train operators to improve your journey experience – including helping keep you safe while you travel.





## Playing our part to help keep you safe

Helping you feel safe while you travel remains a top priority. Working with operators, additional measures remain in place on public transport, with extra staff, fresh air flowing, enhanced cleaning regimes and hand sanitiser dispensers across the network.

## Using public transport



### Travelling by bus

You can find out about bus departure times, routes and operators by visiting [tfgm.com/public-transport/bus](https://www.tfgm.com/public-transport/bus)

Find out from your more about your ticketing options via your local operator.

### Travelling by tram

If you travel by tram, more information about Metrolink ticketing options is available on [getmethere.com](https://www.getmethere.com)

For tram departure times, journey planning and travel information – including around disruption on the network – you can visit [tfgm.com/public-transport/tram](https://www.tfgm.com/public-transport/tram)

You can check the quietest times to travel on Metrolink on our website.

### Travelling by train

For information about train times, routes, tickets and railcards you can visit [nationalrail.co.uk](https://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

## Journey planning



There is now real-time information available to help manage your journey on the following travel planning platforms:

- Moovit – [moovitapp.com](https://www.moovitapp.com)
- CityMapper – [citymapper.com/manchester](https://www.citymapper.com/manchester)
- Transit – [transitapp.com](https://www.transitapp.com)

## Active travel



Travelling by foot or bike are great options for a cleaner, greener journey – particularly for shorter trips.

If you're new to travelling by bike in Greater Manchester, there is lots of information and support available:

- You can visit our new active travel website [activetravel.tfgm.com](https://www.activetravel.tfgm.com) to find out about existing and planned cycling and walking routes as part of Greater Manchester's Bee Network
- Head to our cycling advice pages [tfgm.com/cycling-advice](https://www.tfgm.com/cycling-advice) to navigate a route and help find safe cycle parking options if it isn't available at your University
- Access free cycle training sessions available for different levels, including one-to-one coaching for building more confidence riding alongside traffic

## Help along the way



There are lots of tools and tips to help you travel safely across Greater Manchester, including travel support aids. Find out more at [tfgm.com/accessibility](https://www.tfgm.com/accessibility)