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**Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) Announces  
Increased Capacity and Updated COVID-19 Protocols**

Masks still required as other protocols get lifted

INDEPENDENCE, OH, June 3, 2021 — Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) announced today that public train rides beginning June 16 will run with lifted COVID-19 protocols apart from required masks while on the train and at all CVSR stations.

“We look forward to returning to some normalcy at the railroad after this challenging year,” said CVSR President and CEO Joe Mazur. “With the new protocols moving forward, we can offer more availability to our guests.”

CVSR excursions have been operating with more stringent safety practices and procedures since they returned to the rails on May 1, which included more frequent sanitation, the wearing of masks, implementing physical distancing and operating trains at no more than 50% capacity to improve employee, volunteer and guest safety.

Beginning June 16, all CVSR train rides and excursions will no longer be implementing physical distancing and will operate at full capacity but will still require masks while on the train unless guests are eating and drinking, and at all stations.

CVSR falls under Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) regulations and guests, volunteers, and staff are required to wear masks until further notice when on the train and at any of their facilities despite local and state regulations.

National Park Scenic rides that run through Cuyahoga Valley run five days a week (Wednesday through Sunday). Departures take place from Akron Northside Depot, Rockside Depot in Independence and Peninsula Depot.

With the lessened restrictions, CVSR will offer more ticket availability on National Park Scenic excursions moving forward. CVSR will introduce a new round-trip ticket option that is a three-and-a-half-hour trip through Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Passengers can now purchase a round-trip ticket in addition to the all-day pass that has been offered.

Tickets for June and July are already on sale. Tickets for August and additional tickets for June and July, will go on sale to CVSR members June 8 and to the public on June 11. Tickets can only be purchased online at [cvsr.org](http://cvsr.org).

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**About Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad**

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) is a private sector, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) volunteer supported organization operating in partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and is dedicated to the preservation of passenger rail transportation in Cuyahoga Valley and the historic Ohio & Erie Canalway. CVSR has been providing excursion rail service for more than 40 years. For more information about the railroad, visit [Cvsr.org](http://Cvsr.org).