

14 commuters pulled up for mask violation in metro stns

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Chennai: While mask wearing is mandatory for entry into metro stations, at least 14 passengers were caught for not wearing masks properly in metro trains since April 12 and a total fine of ₹2,800 was collected. On April 11, CMRL said it would impose a ₹200 fine on passengers who do not adhere to Covid norms while on commute or in stations.

Wearing masks was made mandatory for entry into stations since CMRL resumed services in September 2020. But often, some commuters remove their mask or pull it down after they cross the screening point in stations or while travelling in trains. "The problem is improper wearing of masks as nobody can enter our stations without wearing them. After seeing the squad, they adjust the mask. What is required is self-discipline and social responsibility," a CMRL official said.

Passengers are monitored after they enter the station premises to ensure they adhere to Covid norms. A squad is also assigned to conduct surprise checks in trains when they stop in stations and regular announcements on safety measures are made in stations and in trains. "We also monitor commuters using the CCTV cameras onboard the trains," an official said.