

Basic Safety Guidance for Vehicle Transportation During COVID-19 Pandemic

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Do not report for transportation duty if you are not feeling well.

Whenever possible maintain safe social distance – 6 feet – from others.

Before Beginning Transportation

- Take your temperature at home before leaving your residence. If it is above 100^oF or if you have cough or shortness of breath DO NOT report for transportation and alert the organization of your unavailability. This applies to drivers and passengers.
- Determine if transport is essential.
- Minimize number of people in vehicle. Make plan for occupants to sit as far apart as possible.
- Driver disinfects hands using hand sanitizer following the hand rubbing technique presented in the accompanying [poster](#) and [video](#).
- Driver dons disposable gloves and disinfects frequently touched surfaces (such as door latches, arm rests, seats, door handles, steering wheel, turn signal, gear shift, seat belts).
- Following vehicle disinfection, driver removes gloves and discards, along with wipes, in trash container. Follow proper [technique](#) for removing gloves.



- Driver and passengers disinfect hands using hand sanitizer following the technique presented in accompanying poster and video. Be prepared to supply small bottle of hand sanitizer to passengers.
- If driver or passengers did not arrive wearing masks, request they put on cloth face covers. Provide [instructions](#) on the right way to put on and take off cloth face coverings. Be prepared to supply cloth face covers.
- After starting vehicle, make sure that ventilation is on non-recirculating mode and fan is on. If vehicle has a rear exhaust fan, use it to draw air from front of vehicle and out the back of the vehicle.



During Transportation

- Wear a cloth face covering at all times.
- Ask passengers to avoid touching surfaces in the vehicle.
- Request that passengers disinfect their hands using hand sanitizer after they exit the vehicle.
- Before passengers enter vehicle for return trip instruct them to disinfect their hands using hand sanitizer.

After Completing Transportation

- Driver and passengers disinfect hands using hand sanitizer.
- Driver dons disposable gloves and disinfects frequently touched surfaces (such as door latches, arm rests, seats, door handles, steering wheel, turn signals, gear shift, seat belts).
- Disinfect hands using hand sanitizer.



Use of Gloves

Drivers may choose to wear disposable gloves during the disinfection process. Hands should be sanitized before putting on gloves. Gloves should be carefully removed following recommended [procedure](#) and then discarded in the trash. Immediately following removal, sanitize hands again. **Use of gloves is NEVER a substitute for required hand hygiene.**

Needed Supplies

- Bottles of hand sanitizer
- Disinfectant – EPA-registered household disinfectant or bleach solution. To make bleach solution add 1 teaspoon of bleach per cup of water. Bleach solutions only remain effective for 24 hours, so a fresh solution must be made each day.
- Paper towels or rag
- Trash container
- Cloth face covers (not N95 medical or surgical masks)
- Disposable gloves

Notes:

- Refer to World Health Organization [hand rub poster](#) to learn proper technique
- [Video](#) from Johns Hopkins on WHO recommendations for hand rubbing with hand sanitizer
- [Video](#) on proper removal of gloves
- [Video](#) from National Jewish Health on the right way to put on and take off cloth face coverings