

GUIDANCE FOR USE OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19

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This guidance developed by the Public Health Section of DHMOSH provides guidance on the use of personal and public transportation including personal vehicles, rideshares, taxis, etc in a setting of COVID-19 community transmission.



AVOID TOUCHING SURFACES

- Avoid contact with surfaces frequently touched by passengers or drivers, such as the door frame and handles, windows, and other vehicle parts. In circumstances where such contact is unavoidable, use a hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol as soon as possible afterwards.
- Avoid accepting offers of free water bottles and avoid touching magazines or other items that may be provided for free to passengers.
- Use touchless payment when available.

PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Limit the number of passengers in the vehicle to only those necessary.
- Avoid pooled rides or rides where multiple passengers are picked up who are not in the same household.
- Sit in the back seat in larger vehicles such as vans and buses so you can remain at least six feet away from the driver.

IMPROVE VENTILATION

- Ask the driver to improve the ventilation in the vehicle if possible — for example, by opening the windows or setting the air ventilation/air conditioning on non-recirculation mode.

PRACTICE HAND HYGIENE

- After leaving the vehicle, use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.
- When you arrive at your destination, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

SHARED BIKES, SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS, AND OTHER MICRO-MOBILITY DEVICES

Follow all the general principles available in the **Annex**, plus the following:

CLEAN AND DISINFECT SURFACES

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces on the device (e.g., handlebars, gears, braking handles, locks etc.) or shared equipment before you use it. Use disinfecting wipes, if available.
- Use touchless payment when available and if applicable.

PRACTICE HAND HYGIENE

- After completing your trip, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use a hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.

PERSONAL VEHICLES

Follow all the general principles available in the **Annex**, plus the following:



CLEAN AND DISINFECT SURFACES



ANNEX

GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR ALL TYPES OF TRANSPORTATION

PRACTICE HAND HYGIENE AND RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE

- Before you leave, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Once you reach your destination, wash your hands again with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol as soon as possible upon arrival.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow. Throw used tissues in the trash and wash your hands immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

- During travel, try to keep at least 6 feet (2 meters) from people who are not in your household — for example, when you are waiting at a bus station or selecting seats on a train. If you must share transportations with others, either in a private vehicle or in a taxi or rideshare, it is best to share with the same group of individuals, preferably only with members of the same household.

WEAR MASKS

- Wear a mask in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household, especially when social distancing is difficult.
 - [https://www.un.org/en/press/docs/2020/20-09-10-1.html#anchor-1](#)

