

# Shared Vehicle Recommendations

Environmental Health & Safety

## **INTRODUCTION**

Vehicle use presents a setting where social distancing is generally not an option. This document outlines guidance for departmental vehicle use during COVID-19. These principles are also helpful to follow during cold & flu season to minimize disease spread.

It is important to have hand sanitizer and cleaning sprays and disinfectant sprays or disposable wipes available inside the vehicle. In addition to hand sanitizing, regular vehicle disinfection is an important facet to controlling any communicable diseases and should be a part of regular vehicle maintenance and done more frequently during periods of higher disease burden.

## **GUIDELINES**

- Minimize the number of individuals in the vehicle; when possible, travel independently.
- Wear a face covering.
- Make sure hand sanitizer is available and use it! Use as you enter, as you leave, and as needed otherwise (coughs, returning to the vehicle, etc.).
- Avoid contact with surfaces frequently touched by passengers or other drivers, such as door frame/handles, windows, seatbelt buckles, steering wheel, gearshift, signaling levers, and other vehicle parts before cleaning and disinfection.
- Avoid using the recirculated air option for the vehicle's ventilation during passenger transport; use the vents to bring in fresh outside air and/or lower the vehicle windows.

## **CLEANING AND DISINFECTION**

- Follow the directions on the cleaning product's label for use.
- If surfaces are visibly dirty, they should be cleaned with detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
- At a minimum, clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces in the vehicle at the beginning of each shift. Wipe down frequently touched surfaces after each use.
- Wash hands immediately after disinfection with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

## **REFERENCES**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/disinfecting-transport-vehicles.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/rideshare-drivers-for-hire.html>