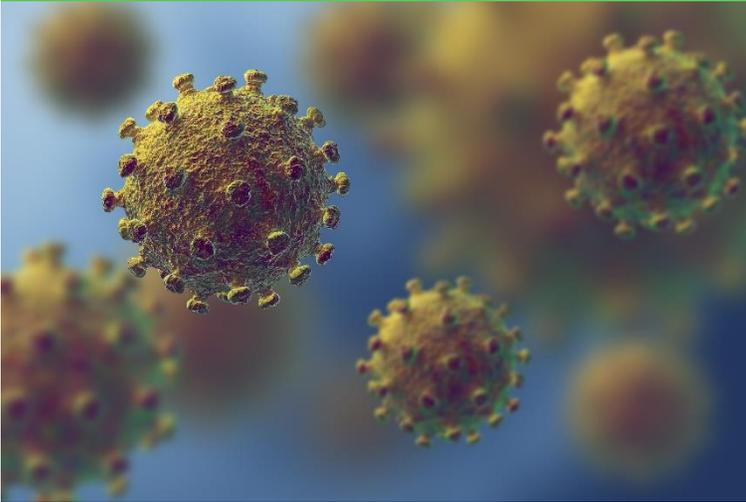


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# FACT SHEET

## COVID-19 Guidance for Taxi Drivers & Passengers



### What is COVID-19?

The Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is known to cause infection in the respiratory system. Those who are infected with COVID-19 may have little to no symptoms or may not know they have symptoms because they are similar to a cold or flu. Symptoms include fever, cough, difficulty breathing and pneumonia, and may take up to 14 days to appear after exposure to COVID-19. For more information visit the Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) [website](#). COVID-19 is most commonly spread person-to-person, from an infected person through:

- Respiratory droplets generated when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
- Close, prolonged personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands.
- Touching something with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose or eyes before washing your hands. There is evidence to suggest that, in the right conditions, COVID-19 could survive on surfaces for several days.

### Reducing the spread:

To encourage these precautions, please put up appropriate signage that addresses the following topics:

- Handwashing
- Hand sanitizing
- Cough etiquette and other precautions
- Practicing physical (social) distancing

Resources: [RCDHU](#)

[Public Health Agency of Canada](#)

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## Keep yourself and your passengers protected

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 70 percent alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or into their arm, not their hand when you cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Ask passengers to sit in the back to create physical(social) distance. Roll down the windows.
- Avoid handling money, if possible. Consider wearing disposable gloves if you must collect money from customers. Use one pair of gloves per customer and throw them away after.
- Have tissues and hand sanitizer available for your passengers.
- Transport minimal passenger's to be able to maintain [Physical\(Social\) Distancing](#). Do not carry any more than 5 passengers in the vehicle including the driver.
- Print and post health information for passengers in your back seat.

## Disinfect your car regularly

- Clean and sanitize your car as often as possible, especially after you drop off passengers who appear to be sick and after every medical passenger. Pay close attention to surfaces that are touched often by passengers.
- Commonly used cleaners and sanitizers are effective against COVID-19.

- Use a [sanitizer](#) that is pre-approved by Health Canada for use against COVID-19. Read the label to determine the contact time (minutes) to leave the disinfectant on the surface.
- Check expiry date of products you use and always follow manufacturer's instructions.
- Wear disposable gloves when cleaning and discard them after use.

## Special precautions for drivers transporting patients to health care facilities

- Be sure to have alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 70 percent alcohol and use it often.
- It is recommended that you wear personal protective equipment, such as disposable gloves and a surgical face mask. It is important to replace your disposable gloves and face mask after every medical customer.
- If you are transporting a patient that is known to or is suspected to have COVID-19, you may want to wear a properly fitted N95 mask. You may also want to wear a gown and a face shield or goggles if you help customers in and out of the car.
- After helping a medical passenger out of the car, you should remove all protective equipment and wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before getting back into your car.
- Speak to your company about providing personal protective equipment.

## Keep informed

Monitor Public Health Updates

- [www.ontario.ca](http://www.ontario.ca)
- [www.rcdhu.com](http://www.rcdhu.com)

### Resources:

Washington State Department of Health, Emergencies, Novel Coronavirus 2020 (Covid-19), Guidance for Rideshare and Taxi Drivers <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020COVID19/RideshareandTaxiDrivers>

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