

Precautionary measures for taxi & community transportation operations.

Keep yourself and your passengers protected

To keep yourself and passengers protected, you can take the following steps:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer 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.
- Ask passengers to sit in the back to create physical distance.
- Avoid handling money, or chits if possible.
- Have tissues and hand sanitizer available for your passengers if possible.
- Ensure air system is not set to recirculate.
- Dispose of all waste in a small waste bag, tie it and dispose of it in regular garbage

Disinfect your vehicle regularly

- Plan to clean and disinfect your vehicle 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.
- Use a disinfectant that is pre-approved by the Health Canada for use against novel coronavirus (COVID-19). This information can be found at the link below.
 - <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/disinfectants/covid-19/list.html>
- Wash hands thoroughly after cleaning vehicle.

Special precautions for drivers transporting patients to health care facilities

Transporting known or suspected COVID-19 patients in enclosed vehicles would be considered to be at a higher risk for exposure. If you are transporting medical customers, take the following precautions:

- Be sure to have alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol content and use it often.
- Confirm the passenger has been in contact with 811 and their arrival is expected.
- Ensure the patron is wearing the mask provided by the Nova Scotia Health Authority
- Seat the passenger as far as possible from the driver. If a van is available this would be preferred.
- After transport ensure your vehicle is cleaned and disinfected prior to transporting other patrons.