

COVID-19 Fact Sheet

Guidance for Transport and Tour Vehicles

This fact sheet provides guidance for transport and tour vehicles of all types (excluding public transport) to operate safely and manage the health risks associated with COVID-19.

This includes but is not limited to buses, mini vans, cars, aircraft, helicopters, ferries, bikes and boats.

COVID Safe Plan and contact tracing records

Vehicles and other movable objects that are available for hire by members of the public for the purpose of tours or other recreational activities are a defined public activity under the Emergency Management (Public Activities No 3) (COVID-19) Direction 2020. This means the person conducting the activity must:

- > Complete a COVID Safe Plan.
- > Keep contact tracing records.

No one should travel if unwell or experiencing symptoms

This applies to everyone - passengers, tour operators and drivers.

Passenger numbers and seating

- > There is no longer a limit on the total number of passengers permitted on transport / tour vehicles. You must not exceed the vehicles carrying capacity.
- > The density requirement of 1 person per 2 square metres **does not apply**, but where possible people should space out and leave spare seats / rows in-between passengers.
- > Family units, friends or people who otherwise normally associate with each other can sit next to each other.
- > Seating should be assigned and passengers should sit in the same seat for the duration of the journey/tour, avoid walking up and down the aisle, and avoid touching seat headrests.
- > The contact details of passengers must be retained for contact tracing purposes.

Entering and exiting

Consideration should be given to pre and post trip passenger movement and flow, including how passengers enter and exit the vehicle.

- > Maintain social distance whenever possible (including in waiting areas, terminals, platforms etc.) and avoid close contact with the driver and other passengers.
- > Passengers embarking the vehicle should load from the back first.
- > Passengers disembarking should leave from the front first.

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Maintain good personal hygiene

Drivers and tour operators should make hand sanitiser available for passengers where possible and passengers should be encouraged to carry their own supply.

Passengers and staff should maintain good personal hygiene at all times by:

- > Washing hands regularly and using hand sanitiser before entering the vehicle.
- > Avoiding touching the eyes, nose or mouth.
- > Covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue. If tissues are not available, cough or sneeze into the elbow.

Cleaning

Vehicles should undergo regular and more frequent cleaning:

- > Cleaning should target high-touch surfaces such as grab rails, handles, arm rests, seat belts and buckles etc.
- > Vehicles should undergo a full clean in-between groups/tours.
- > All shared equipment used for tour activities such as safety equipment must be cleaned before and after use.
- > Cleaning should be undertaken by following the Australian Government 'Environmental cleaning and disinfection principles for COVID-19':

www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2020/03/environmental-cleaning-and-disinfection-principles-for-covid-19.pdf

Shared facilities (e.g. on-board toilets)

If the vehicle has shared facilities such as on-board toilets, these should be cleaned frequently.

Food and beverages

Tours that provide food can continue to do this, providing the food as individual single portions and avoiding shared foods or beverages where possible. Plates, cups and utensils should be single use.

Ventilation and airflow

Where possible, open windows or set the air conditioner to external airflow instead of recirculation.

For more information

SA COVID-19 Information line 1800 253 787

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