

GUIDELINES FOR DRIVERS

If you work as a taxi, shuttle, or bus driver, you may determine that you do not want to continue to drive passengers during this time due to the risk of exposure to COVID-19. For some drivers, this may not be an option. Taxi drivers may also be required to drive passengers to a doctor's office, medical center, or hospital. This may increase your risk of exposure to COVID-19. It is important that you stay informed, and actively take precautions to prevent spreading the virus.

Stay up-to-date

Monitor public health updates from The Government of the Northwest Territories, Health and Social Services:

- <https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en/services/coronavirus-disease-covid-19>
- <https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/sites/hss/files/resources/healthy-respiratory-practices.pdf>

Know the symptoms of COVID-19

Symptoms of coronavirus are similar to flu or colds and may include:

a fever, new or worsening cough, shortness of breath, a general feeling of unease, or being 'under the weather', muscle aches, fatigue, sore throat and runny nose, headache, diarrhea, vomiting or loss of smell

Keep yourself and your passengers protected

Take the following steps:

1. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 % alcohol if soap and water are not available.
2. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
3. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
4. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue in the trash immediately and wash your hands.
5. Require passengers to sit in the back to create physical distance.
6. Avoid handling money, if possible (Yellowknife and Inuvik taxi companies are no longer accepting cash payments). Consider wearing disposable gloves if you must collect money from customers. Use one pair of gloves per customer and throw them in the garbage after.
7. Have tissues and hand sanitizer available for your passengers.
8. Print and post the [healthy respiratory practices information](#) in your back seat for passengers.

Disinfect your car regularly

1. Plan to clean and disinfect 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.
2. Use a disinfectant that is [approved for use against novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#).
3. Wear disposable gloves when cleaning and only use them once.