

COVID-19 - SAFE WORK PROCEDURES FOR TAXI OPERATORS

Prepare yourself and your vehicle to minimize the risk of contracting COVID-19. To have an OHS Inspector assist you with your Risk Assessment in Nunavut – email: Covid-19@wsc.nu.ca

MINIMIZE YOUR RISK BEFORE GOING ON DUTY

- Create a physical barrier between yourself and passengers.
- Ensure you have a supply of necessary disinfectant cleaners and disposable gloves.
- Have a garbage receptacle in your vehicle for gloves, tissues, disposable wipes, paper towels. Dispose of waste regularly, and wash your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitizer when you are done.
- Disinfect garbage receptacle and other surfaces and items frequently touched by passengers using the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) guidelines:
<https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/phac-aspc/documents/services/publications/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/cleaning-disinfecting-public-spaces/cleaning-disinfecting-public-spaces-eng.pdf>
- Review the PHAC guidelines on proper hand cleaning and sanitizing:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/diseases-conditions/reduce-spread-covid-19-wash-your-hands.html>
- Review the Government of Nunavut (GN) Corona virus information sheet including recommended healthy respiratory practices: <https://www.gov.nu.ca/sites/default/files/about-coronavirus-disease-covid-19.pdf>

MINIMIZE YOUR RISK WHILE ON DUTY

- Ask for *Taxi Dispatch Passenger Pre-screen* prior to picking up passengers.
- Wash your hands throughout your workday with soap and water or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content using Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) guidelines above.
- If taking on passengers directly from the street, keep doors locked and lower passenger window only enough to clearly speak through and hear their response, conduct a pre-boarding assessment of passenger (see page 2).
- If a passenger fails your assessment, refuse the passenger and notify dispatch. You have the right to refuse unsafe work.
- Direct passengers to sit in the back seat. Leave the front passenger seat empty to create physical distance.
- Use disposable gloves if you need to help passengers with bags, when you handle payment methods of payment, or touch commonly handled surfaces. Ensure that the gloves are properly disposed of before you touch any surfaces that you regularly touch with your hands.
- After the passengers leave the vehicle, disinfect door handles, armrests and other areas that are commonly touched, using PHAC guidelines above.

