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GUIDANCE FOR THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SECTOR

What to do if someone develops symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in a transport setting

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness and is not known to be transmitted by food.

If anyone becomes unwell with the symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in a transport setting, they must be sent home and advised to call the COVID-19 hotline at 852-7650 or the Public Health Unit at 468-2274.

If they need clinical advice, they should call 852-7650. In an emergency, call 911 if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk. Do not visit the General Practitioner (GP), pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital.

If a member of staff or a passenger has helped someone who was taken unwell with symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should ensure that necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is worn. They should wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with soap and water after any contact with someone who is unwell and call the COVID-19 hotline number at 852-7650.

Travel Arrangements/Coming to Work

Anyone who has symptoms should be advised to quickly and directly return home, to remain there and avoid contact with other people. While using public transport, they should try to keep away from other people and cough and sneeze in a tissue or flexed elbow.

This will prevent them from spreading the disease to family, friends and the wider community.

Cleaning

All surfaces that a symptomatic person has come into contact with must be cleaned and disinfected. Ensure to increase cleaning and disinfection of vehicles including:

- Objects which are visibly contaminated with body fluids
- All potentially contaminated high-contact areas such as door handles, rails, seats etc.
- Use disposable cloths or paper roll, to clean all hard surfaces, steering wheels, door handles, seats, etc. following one of the options below:

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- Use either a combined detergent disinfectant solution at a dilution of 1,000 parts per million available chlorine
- or
- A household detergent followed by disinfection (1000 ppm av.cl.). Follow manufacturer's instructions for dilution, application and contact times for all detergents and disinfectants
- or
- If an alternative disinfectant is used within the organisation, this should be checked and ensured that it is effective against enveloped viruses

Avoid creating splashes when cleaning.

Any items that are heavily contaminated with body fluids and cannot be cleaned by washing should be disposed of.

Refer to the Environmental Health Division's facebook page for a list of approved disinfectants and/or www.bvi.gov.vg/covid-19.

Handling Baggage

Handle baggage with care and ensure proper hand hygiene is conducted after.

Preventing spread at Taxi Stands

Taxi stands and taxi buses should use posters and announcements to remind travellers and staff to wash their hands often and/or use alcohol based hand sanitisers and follow general hygiene advice.

All individuals using the facilities/stands should be reminded to:

- Wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap and water, more frequently than usual, each day
- Cover coughs and sneeze in tissues or cover their mouth and nose with their sleeve (not hands), throw the tissue away properly in a closed bin and wash their hands immediately
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitiser gel in addition to soap and water or on its own if soap and water are not available to use common utensils or dispensers

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Social distancing between individuals should be practised for anyone using the facilities – with people staying a minimum of 2 metres from each other, to allow enough distance between users.

Cleaning an area with normal household disinfectant will reduce the risk of passing Coronavirus (COVID-19) infection on to other people, so regular cleaning of facilities such as the toilets should be implemented.

Normal cleaning frequencies will need to be increased depending on how often the facilities are used. For example, if there is a high level of usage, the normal cleaning frequency should be doubled.

Hard surfaces that are touched frequently (for example door handles, light switches, counter tops) should also be cleaned more frequently in addition to standard cleaning protocols:

- Clean and disinfect regularly-touched objects and surfaces more often than usual using standard cleaning or household disinfection products

In the event of any individuals showing symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) – such as a new, continuous cough or a high temperature – they should not use the facility and should be referred to BVI Health Services Authority and the Public Health Unit.

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PROPER PROCEDURES FOR CLEANING AND DISINFECTING VEHICLES

- ◆ Vehicles can be considered highly trafficked areas
- ◆ It is important that our vehicles do not become places where bacteria and viruses are transferred
- ◆ Practicing proper procedures when cleaning and disinfecting vehicles is crucial in stopping the spread of diseases

Routine cleaning of surfaces using appropriate cleaning and disinfecting methods can help to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus (Covid-19). The driving public should be vigilant about cleaning surfaces that are especially frequently touched.



When using cleaning products:

- ◆ Follow the guidance on manufacturer labels for safe use
- ◆ Follow the directions for use on specific surfaces and materials
- ◆ Ensure that vehicles are properly ventilated

The Department of Motor Vehicles continues to strive to ensure the safety of operators, passengers and vehicles that commute within the Territory of the Virgin Islands.

For further information, contact the DMV's main office on **Tortola at telephone 1(284) 468-4080 or Virgin Gorda at telephone 1(284)468-6502.**

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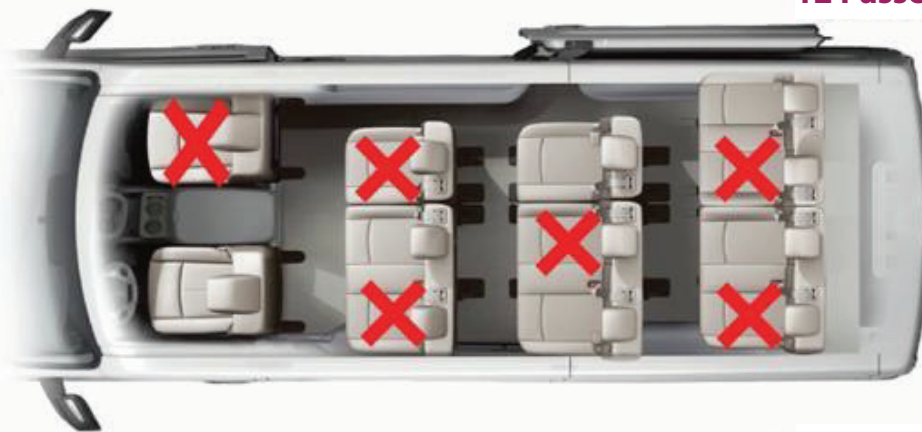
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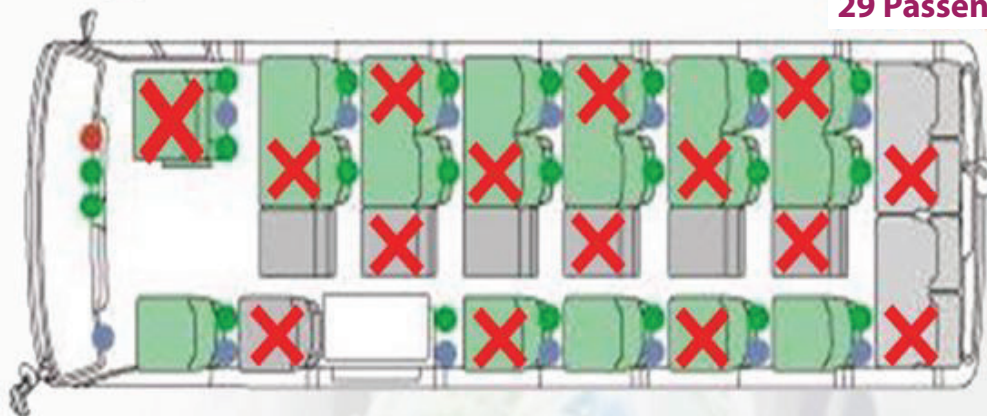
SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Maintain Social Distance of 6 ft. from passengers.
- Limit direct interaction with passengers.
- Passengers should not occupy front seat adjacent to driver.
- Passenger seating should be staggered (only one passenger is permitted per row).

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SHOWING SYMPTOMS

- If you or any passengers are showing any symptoms of Coronavirus disease (Covid-19) please return home and call the Covid-19 Medical Hotline at 852-7650.