

# **COVID – 19 Guidelines**

## **FOR REGULATED AND UNREGULATED TOUR OPERATORS (Ts AND Gs)**



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## **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

1. Stick a multilingual laminated notice outside of the vehicle at the entrance explaining the rules to all passengers who want to make use of the service.
2. Determine and only allow the maximum number of persons per vehicle type for boarding at 50% of the seating capacity of the vehicle.
3. Passengers should be seated at the window seats.
4. Ensure that the driver and passengers comply with the rules.
5. Do not allow passengers to sit on the seat next to the driver.
6. Mark the seats that can be used and those seats that cannot be used.
7. Ensure each passenger properly wears a facemask as a strict condition for boarding.
8. Provide disposable (one-time use) facemasks, if feasible, for those passengers without one.
9. The driver properly wears a facemask during services.
10. Clean and sanitize interior of vehicle thoroughly after every trip using only industry approved and surface appropriate cleaners and disinfectants;
11. Follow the general business guidelines for their office operations as stipulated in the "*Guidelines on the Prevention and Safety Plan*".
12. Sign posted visibly inside the vehicle for passengers to see the maximum number of passengers allowed under the COVID-19 Prevention and Safety guidelines.
13. Encourage touchless or cashless payment methods.

## **GUIDELINES FROM PUBLIC HEALTH REGARDING THE USE OF FACEMASKS, GLOVES AND FACE SHIELDS**

There is no need for the use of face masks, gloves and/or face shields when social distancing of 2 meters is respected and regular hand washing with soap and water or a sanitizer is practiced.

The virus can be contracted by droplets of an infected person by:

1. Being directly inhaled by another person who is less than 2 meters from the infected person through openly coughing, sneezing or having close physical contact such as kissing, hugging or sexual contact.
2. Another person touching his/her mouth, nose or eyes after touching the surface where droplets of an infected person have landed (hence the importance of regularly sanitizing frequently touched objects).

If social distancing of 2 meters cannot be practiced or realized, face masks, worn properly (covering both mouth and nose), are sufficient. Bear in mind that surgical masks need to be properly disposed of after use or after getting wet, and that cloth masks need to be washed regularly. Face masks and gloves can cause a false sense of security, thus becoming more of a liability than an asset. Face masks need to cover both mouth and nose.

Face shields and gloves are only recommended for medical staff closely dealing with confirmed or strongly suspected Covid-19 positive persons as well as food handlers.

Medical masks should be limited to use by health care professionals.