

Recommendations for drivers and passengers to reduce transmission of COVID-19:

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands. If no tissue is available, cough or sneeze into the inside of your elbow.
- Keep your hands to yourself and avoid touching your face.
- Touch as few things as possible. If possible, wear gloves or use a tissue to touch common surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol.

What should I do if I need to utilize public transportation or rideshare services?

- If you are sick, please stay home and do not use public transportation or rideshare services.
 - Use delivery services or ask a friend or family member to drop off essential supplies and food. Ask delivery drivers for a “no-contact” delivery.
- If you are not sick and you must use public transport or rideshares:
 - Keep as much physical distance between yourself and others as possible.
 - Wear a mask to protect yourself and others from potential exposure.
- For Pace Bus riders, check before you ride: <http://www.pacebus.com/>
 - Is your destination open?
 - Is your route running on time?

What should I do if I am a transportation provider? (e.g., taxi, [Uber](#), and [Lyft](#) drivers)

- Do not drive while sick or having symptoms.
- Limit rides to one driver and one passenger per vehicle.
- Consider providing rides for essential travel only, such as to the grocery store or pharmacy.
- Consider providing delivery options instead of transporting people.
- Install a barrier between the driver and passenger such as plexiglass or a shower curtain.
- If possible, open windows during trips to increase ventilation and air circulation in your car.
- Do a thorough disinfection before and after your shift.
 - Wipe seats, seatbelts, and all internal and external handles.
- Do not offer any type of refreshments to riders. You may offer tissues and hand sanitizer.
- Ask passengers to sit in the back seat furthest from the driver’s seat to create physical distance.
- Avoid handling money, if possible. Wear disposable gloves if you must collect money from customers. Use one pair of gloves per customer and throw them away after.
- Print and post information for passengers in your back seat, e.g., CDC’s “[Stop the Spread of Germs.](#)”
- If you must transport someone who is sick:
 - It is recommended that you wear personal protective equipment (PPE) such as disposable gloves and a face mask. It is important to replace your disposable gloves and face mask after every sick customer. Speak to your company administration about providing you with PPE.
 - Be sure to have hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol and use it often.
 - If you are transporting a patient who is known or suspected to have COVID-19, OSHA recommends that you wear a respirator. You may also want to wear a gown and a face shield or goggles if you help customers in and out of the car.
 - After helping a sick passenger out of the car, disinfect surfaces and door handles, remove all PPE, and wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before getting back into your car.

For more information on COVID-19, visit www.lakecountyil.gov/coronavirus or www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

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