

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRANSPORTING SOMEONE WITH COVID-19**

Consider contacting your local public health unit for case specific advice.

- Do not use public transportation such as buses, taxis, airplanes, or trains if avoidable.
- If possible, limit the number of people doing the escorting/transporting and practice social distancing as much as possible during the transporting/escorting.
- If transporting someone to a medial appointment or to the hospital, call ahead to advise them that someone who has tested positive is arriving and follow any special instructions.
- Alcohol-based hand rub, tissues, and no-touch disposal garbage containers should be available for driver and passenger use in every vehicle and supplies should be maintained.
- Consider placing signage for <u>cough and sneeze etiquette</u> and <u>hand sanitizing</u> in vehicles where the information can be seen by passengers (e.g. in a clear plastic sleeve of an agency car).
- If a car seat is in the car and not required for transport, it should be removed along with any unneeded personal effects.
- The person that has COVID-19 must wear a procedural/surgical mask.
- When transporting someone with COVID-19, the person doing the transport should put on full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (gloves, surgical/procedural mask, gown and eye protectionface shield or goggles) and practice hand sanitization before and after any contact and before and after putting on and taking off PPE
- When driving, the driver may want to take off the eye protection (face shield or goggles) to make sure their sight is not restricted. The eye protection should be put back on when you stop driving and are still with the person with COVID-19.
- The person being transported should sit in the backseat of the vehicle.
- The car windows should be open for the entire trip.
- PPE worn during transport should be thrown out by placing it directly into a plastic garbage bag, tied up and then put in the garbage with other household waste. <u>Remove PPE in this order:</u>
  - Remove gloves
  - Remove gown
  - Sanitize your hands
  - Remove eye protection
  - Remove mask
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- Clean the car-printable infographic available <u>here</u>.