



COVID-19 Client Transport

Guidelines

PURPOSE

Current guidance from King County limits outreach efforts to those that are medically necessary or for COVID-19 containment purposes. There are some DESC programs that must drive clients in vehicles as an essential part of their service. This guideline includes some harm reduction tactics to practice in the case of an essential transport of a symptomatic client. Symptoms include: fever, body aches, coughing, and shortness of breath.

BEFORE TRANSPORT

- Keep PPE (disposable masks, cloth mask kit, gloves, goggles) in the car in case you are outreaching and may have to unexpectedly transport a symptomatic client.
- Designate a bucket or space for client belongings in the trunk that can be easily cleaned and disinfected.
- Install a physical barrier of plastic sheeting between driver and rear passenger seats if possible (Facilities is exploring this).
- Limit riders in the vehicle to essential personnel.
- Staff must wear PPE if available: mask, gloves, and goggles, long sleeve shirt, pants, and socks that cover the ankle. Do not touch your mask while it is on. If you touch it, immediately perform hand hygiene.
- Client should be given a mask to wear for duration of transit, if available. If no masks are available, ask the client to cover their mouth with their sleeve, a tissue, bandana, or any other cloth they may have with them.
- Handle all belongings with gloves, changing them out and disposing of them frequently.

DURING TRANSPORT

- Avoid touching your coworkers or clients before, during, and after the trip (handshaking, etc.)
- At least one window (or more if amenable) should be cracked open for ventilation during the drive.
- Maintain at least 6 ft distance from others if possible once you leave the vehicle.

AFTER TRANSPORT

- Wipe down high touch surfaces in and outside the car (e.g., back seat, headrest, steering wheel, handles, side walls, all door handles) with QT-TB or QT-3 and let air dry before closing and locking doors.
- Clean and disinfect the bucket for client belongings.
- Disinfect reusable eyewear.
- Wash your hands thoroughly after your drive and practice end of shift hygiene once you are finished your shift.