

Preventing Farmworker Exposure to COVID-19 in Employer-Provided Vehicles

Time spent with others in passenger vehicles may increase the risk of exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19. Take the following steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 when workers are being transported to and from worksites using employer-provided vehicles.

- Screen passengers for symptoms of COVID-19 before boarding.
- Limit the number of people in a vehicle by using multiple vehicles or by taking multiple trips to facilitate physical distancing.
- Instruct passengers to sit as far apart as possible; avoid seating more than two people per row unless they are from the same household or cohort.
- Provide and instruct drivers and passengers to wear face coverings (i.e., cloth face coverings or surgical masks) that have at least two layers of tightly woven breathable fabric. Face coverings should be provided at no cost to workers.
- Train workers on COVID-19 policies and procedures in a language they understand, including on the proper use, maintenance, and disposal of face coverings.
- Open windows when two or more people are in the vehicle, weather permitting. Set the heating and cooling fan on a high setting and do not use the recirculation setting.
- Use vehicles with customized clear barriers installed between the driver and passengers.
- Instruct passengers to board and exit buses in one direction.
- Clean and disinfect commonly-touched surfaces such as the steering wheel, door handles, seat belts, and armrests before use, and between each trip.
- Ensure workers use appropriate personal protective equipment such as disposable gloves while cleaning and disinfecting the vehicle.
- Instruct drivers and passengers to wash hands with soap and water before entering and after leaving the vehicle. If soap and water are not readily available, have them use hand sanitizer/wipes containing at least 60% ethanol or 70% isopropanol.
- Advise those in the vehicle to avoid touching common surfaces and handing objects to others.
- Ensure policies encourage workers to report any safety and health concerns to a supervisor.

For the latest guidance and other resources on protecting workers from coronavirus, visit OSHA's Protecting Workers Guidance.

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