



## **COVID-19 prevention advice for Taxi Drivers**

This guidance has been created in the interim, while awaiting further guidance from central government. Information is frequently changing and being updated and if you require further advice please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

COVID-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It is caused by a virus called coronavirus. This briefing explains some of the steps you can take to reduce the risk of transmitting and contracting COVID-19

### **Think about asking about symptoms before a passenger is picked up**

In line with current guidance people with a new persistent cough or high temperature should stay at home. If potential passengers have symptoms, direct them to NHS 111 and advise them not to make the journey.

### **Where possible, ask all passengers to sit in the back of your vehicle.**

### **Keep your vehicle clean to reduce the impact of the virus**

- Regularly clean surfaces, such as card payment devices, steering wheels, handbrake, door handles, with normal cleaning products. (At the beginning, middle and end of a shift as a minimum)
- Carry a box of tissues and use tissues to catch coughs and sneezes
- Dispose of used tissues in the bin as soon as possible
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water (you can keep a bottle of water and a bar of soap in your vehicle) or use a sanitizer gel - do this for at least 20 seconds. Sanitizer gel should be a minimum 60% alcohol - [hand washing guidance](#)

### **What to do if someone develops symptoms of COVID-19**

- If you become unwell with the symptoms of COVID-19 you should go home and follow the [stay at home guidance](#).
- If you need advice go online to NHS 111 (or call 111 if they don't have internet access). In an emergency, call 999 if seriously ill or injured or life is at risk. Do not visit the GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital.
- If a passenger is taken unwell with symptoms of COVID-19, you do not need to go home unless you develop symptoms. You should wash your hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell and clean your vehicle before the next passenger.

### **Latest Advice**

If you, or anyone in your household, are experiencing either

- a new continuous cough, OR
- a high temperature (of 37.8 degrees centigrade or higher) Then members of your household are now advised to stay at home (self-isolate) for 14 days from the onset of symptoms following the current advice. Individuals are encouraged to ask for help from others for their daily essentials.



## Everyone should do what they can to stop coronavirus spreading.

It is particularly important for people who:

- are 70 or over
- have a long-term condition
- are pregnant
- have a weakened immune system

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

### Do

- ✓ wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- ✓ always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- ✓ use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- ✓ cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- ✓ put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- ✓ avoid close contact with people who have symptoms of coronavirus
- ✓ only travel on public transport if you need to
- ✓ work from home, if you can
- ✓ avoid social activities, such as going to pubs, restaurants, theatres and cinemas
- ✓ avoid events with large groups of people
- ✓ use phone, [online services](#), or apps to contact your GP surgery or other NHS services

### Don't

- ✗ do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean
- ✗ do not have visitors to your home, including friends and family