

RAH Drivers – COVID precautions and protocols

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RAH Driver Precautions:

- Ensure you self-monitor yourself for symptoms before starting your shift
- If you have symptoms do not work and notify the RAH office immediately
- If symptoms arise, follow RAH protocols and stay at home and self-isolate (away from others)
- Transport one person at a time unless from the same household or “bubble”
- Clean your hands before pick-up of each passenger as per RAH/IPAC hygiene protocols and at the time of drop off
- Always ensure hands are re-sanitized if you sneeze or before eating and drinking. Please avoid eating or drinking and the use of open beverage containers when transporting clients in a vehicle
- During transport: open vehicle windows (weather permitting) and use the vents of the vehicle to bring in fresh air from outside. DO NOT USE the recirculated air option of the vehicle.

Client/Passenger Precautions:

- Encourage passengers to use (60-70%) alcohol-based hand sanitizer before entering the vehicle as much as possible
- Limit contact with the passenger by:
 - Requiring passengers to load and unload their personal belongings (if able) by themselves
 - Requiring passengers to sit in the back seats only and require them to sit on the passenger side of the vehicle (if transporting one passenger)
 - Wherever possible, keep the front passenger seat vacant at all times. (if a dementia concern is present ensure child safety lock system in the vehicle is engaged)
 - Direct passengers to place all their personal belongings in the trunk rather than in the back seat

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Clean and disinfect your vehicle after each drop off with appropriate disinfectant wipes or 70% alcohol solution. (caution: do not mix cleaning products), paying close attention to frequently touched surfaces (door handles, window controls, seat belt connections or other controls likely touched)
- If you have fabric seats, you may wish to use a vinyl seat cover to allow for cleaning or place a blue pad on the seat and interchange between passengers
- Provide a closed bin, lined with a plastic bag (example: plastic-lined garbage container) to enable the hygienic disposal of waste. (Cleaning wipes, tissues, etc.)

Special Notes:

- Everyone in the vehicle should avoid touching their face, practice good cough etiquette, avoid touching high touch areas and clean their hands before and after getting out of the vehicle.
- IF passenger(s) begins to show signs or is experiencing symptoms of a respiratory illness while being transported. Please notify the RAH office immediately for further directions and document incidents.

References:

IPAC – Infection and Control Standards

Manitoba – Provincial Public Health Guidance for drivers