

Principles for Transport and Tour Vehicles

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These principles provide guidance for transport and tour vehicles (excluding public transport) of all types to run safely and manage the health risks associated with COVID-19. This includes but is not limited to buses, mini vans, cars, aircraft, helicopters, ferries, bikes and boats.

No one should travel if unwell or experiencing symptoms

This applies to everyone - passengers, tour operators and drivers.

Passenger numbers and seating

- The total number of passengers permitted on transport and tour vehicle is no more than 20. This does not include tour operators, the driver and other people undertaking official duties.
- The density requirements of 1 person per 4 square metres do not apply, but where possible people should space out and leave spare seats / rows in-between passengers.
- Family units, friends or people who otherwise normally associate with each other can sit next to each other.
- Seating should be assigned and passengers should sit in the same seat for the duration of the journey/tour, avoid walking up and down the aisle and touching seat headrests.
- The contact details of passengers should be retained for contact tracing purposes.

Entering and exiting

Consideration should be given to pre and post trip passenger movement and flow, this includes how passengers enter and exit the vehicle.

- Maintain social distance whenever possible (including in waiting areas, terminals, platforms etc.) and avoid close contact with the driver and other passengers.
- Passengers embarking the vehicle should load from the back first.
- Passengers disembarking should leave from the front first.

Maintain good personal hygiene

Passengers and staff should maintain good personal hygiene at all times by:

- Washing hands regularly and using hand sanitiser before entering the vehicle.
- Drivers and tour operators should make hand sanitiser available for passengers where possible and passengers should be encouraged to carry their own supply.

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- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow

Cleaning

Vehicles should undergo regular and more frequent cleaning:

- Cleaning should target high touch surfaces such as grab rails, handles, arm rests, seat belts and buckles etc.
- Vehicles should undergo a full clean in-between groups/tours.
- All shared equipment used for tour activities such as safety equipment must be cleaned before and after use.
- Cleaning should be undertaken by following the Australian Government principles:
<https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2020/03/environmental-cleaning-and-disinfection-principles-for-covid-19.pdf>

Shared facilities (e.g. on-board toilets)

If the vehicle has shared facilities such as on-board toilets, these should be cleaned in-between use. If this cannot be achieved, they should remain closed and regular comfort stops be implemented.

Food and Beverages

Tours that provide food can continue to do this providing where possible the food as individual single portions and avoiding shared foods or beverages. Plates, cups and utensils should be single use.

Ventilation and airflow

Where possible, opening windows or setting the air conditioner to external airflow instead of recirculation.

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