Disinfecting guidelines for vehicles

Current evidence suggests that the new coronavirus may remain viable for hours to days on a variety of different materials. Disinfection is a best practice to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other viral respiratory illnesses.

This guidance provides steps to effectively disinfect commonly touched surfaces in vehicles and is aimed at reducing the survival of the coronavirus in certain environments.

Vehicle disinfection kit contents

- Disinfecting wipes.
- Hand sanitizer.
- Gloves.
- Trash bag.

Disinfection protocol

1. Upon entry into the vehicle, place gloves on both hands. Two sizes should be available in each kit. Using disinfecting wipes, liberally wipe the interior surfaces of the vehicle including:
   - Door handles.
   - Seat belt buckles.
   - Emergency brake handle.
   - Gear shift.
   - Lights turn signal controllers and wiper controls.
   - Steering wheel.
   - Radio and other dash controls.
   - Rearview and sideview mirror and controls.
   - Window controls.
   - If touching: glove box and console latches.

2. Discard the disinfecting wipe in the trash bag.
3. Remove gloves and discard in the trash bag.
4. Keep the trash bag upright and closed by folding over the top, preferably in the rear of the vehicle away from the driver and passengers.
5. Apply hand sanitizer and rub hands together until dry.
6. Prior to completing the use of the vehicle, place gloves on both hands and disinfect all the surfaces as before.
7. Discard the used disinfecting wipe in the trash bag and tie closed.
8. Ensure container of hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes are closed securely to prevent from drying out.
9. Discard the trash bag in the appropriate trash container after exiting the vehicle.
10. Wash hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds or apply hand sanitizer and rub hands together until dry.
11. Notify supervisor if supplies in the disinfection kit are becoming low to ensure everyone using the vehicle has ample supplies.