

Disinfecting guidelines for vehicles

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

This guidance provides steps to disinfect commonly touched surfaces in vehicles and to reduce the survival of COVID-19 in certain environments.

Vehicle disinfection kit contents

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

Disinfection protocol

1. Before entering the vehicle, place gloves on both hands. Two sizes should be available in each kit. Using disinfecting wipes, liberally wipe the interior vehicle surfaces, including:
 - Door handles.
 - Emergency brake handle.
 - Gear shift.
 - Glove box and console latches.
 - Lights turn signal controllers and wiper controls.
 - Radio and other dash controls.
 - Rearview and side-view mirror and controls.
 - Seat belt buckles.
 - Steering wheel.
 - Window controls.
2. Discard the disinfecting wipe in the trash bag.
3. Remove gloves and discard them in the trash bag.
4. Keep the trash bag upright and closed by folding over the top, preferably away from others in the rear of the vehicle.
5. Apply hand sanitizer and rub your hands together until dry.
6. Before exiting the vehicle, place gloves on both of your hands and disinfect all the surfaces as before.
7. Discard the used disinfecting wipe in the trash bag and tie closed.
8. Ensure the hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipe containers are closed securely to prevent from drying out.
9. Discard the trash bag in a 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 your supervisor if disinfection kit supplies are low so everyone using the vehicle has ample amounts.