



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SELECTED PUBLIC ACTIVITIES/WORK SETTINGS FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF COVID- 19

The instruction notes are given for a range of public activities and work settings. Some sectors such as tourism, large shopping malls, event management, etc. would require reference to several instruction notes.

The Instructions are subject to overall permission given by the Ministry of Health to resume functions (totally/selected).

Each instruction note is issued by the Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Indigenous Medical Services and are for the establishment/owner/ responsible authority to follow in prevention of transmission of COVID-19.



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## 1. Use of Taxi services

Under the present situation in response to COVID-19, the number of passengers travelling in taxis must be minimized to be able to maintain physical distancing and other safety precautions should be practiced.

### Specific message/ Instruction/s

#### For the taxi drivers

- Should ensure that maximum number of passengers is limited to two, unless it is a family
- Passengers should not travel in the front seat
- Install a transparent barrier between driving and passenger seats
- Minimize the handling of cash and encourage passengers to bring the exact amount for the fare or arrange for online payments via payment apps
- Have a hand sanitizer/alcohol rub with you all the time
- If possible, keep a hand sanitizer/alcohol rub for the passengers
- Consider asking passengers to handle their own personal bags and belongings during pick-up and drop-off
- Avoid using the recirculated air option for the car's ventilation during passenger transport; use the car's vents to bring in fresh outside air and/or lower the vehicle windows.
- clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces in the vehicle (at least at the end of every 5 rides)
- Should ensure that all passengers are wearing face masks
- Prior to the entry into the taxi, all passengers should sanitize their hands using sanitizers
- You are required to fill the provided Assurance form, indicating compliance with the instructions given. The original of the Assurance form should be submitted to the area Medical Officer of Health. A copy of the same should be sent to the local government authority (municipal council/ urban council/ pradeshiya sabha) and another copy should be kept with you. The owner/ driver is responsible to ensure that the above guidelines are strictly adhered to.

#### For the passengers;

- A face mask should be worn properly
- Do not sit in the front seat
- Try not to touch mobile phone during the taxi ride
- Do not touch, frequently touched surfaces unnecessarily E.g. armrests, doors etc.
- Do not touch your face during travel and wash hands after travelling in a taxi with soap and water for at least for 20 seconds
- Pay through online methods as much as possible without handling cash

#### Method/s of instruction;

- Educate using mass media
- Guidelines made available through the mobile application
- Instructions should be displayed inside the taxi either with signages/short descriptions



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