

ESCOT BUS LINES



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COVID-19/PATHOGEN PROCEDURES

COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2), commonly referred to as COVID-19, continues being monitored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). How it spreads, the severity of illness it causes, what segments of the population are most vulnerable, and to what extent it may continue to spread, is rapidly changing, and will remain a moving target for the foreseeable future. As such, the processes and guidelines noted in this document will also likely change as new information becomes available.

At Escot Bus Lines, we have always taken pride in the cleanliness of our vehicles, and have taken additional steps to ensure our passengers and operators are traveling in vehicles that are thoroughly cleaned and sanitized with EPA approved products for a wide range of pathogens including COVID-19.

We place great emphasis on your safety as well as the health and safety of our employees. As such, our operators may avoid the pleasantries of a handshake, and are required by Federal Regulation to wear face masks while around passengers, and may wear protective gloves, especially while wiping down and cleaning high touch areas.

On January 29th, 2021, the CDC issued an order imposing persons traveling via public transportation systems, rail, van, bus and motorcoach service providers must wear a mask over the mouth and nose during the duration of travel to mitigate the risk of spreading COVID-19.

Additionally, the CDC recommends travelers take the following precautions:

- Avoid contact with people who are sick, and do not have anyone in your group travel if sick.
- Cover your cough, or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. Cough/sneeze etiquette is extremely important, if you don't have a tissue use your arm to prevent spreading water droplets.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces such as handles, seatbelt buckles, air vents, buttons, and armrests using a disinfecting wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, after blowing your nose and coughing or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains 60% to 95% alcohol.

More specifically, Escot's enhanced cleaning and sanitizing protocols and further guidance for our customers traveling in motorcoaches include the following

- ✓ All vehicles have undergone extensive deep cleaning, including Vapor Blast steam sanitizing.
- ✓ HVAC coils, and ducting have been cleaned.
- ✓ Operators are dispatched with a cleaning kit containing EPA approved disinfectant spray, wipes, gloves and a mask for continual cleaning during the trip.
- ✓ After trips, vehicles are being wiped down extensively with disinfectant/sanitizing wipes.
- ✓ All cabin air completely exchanged with fresh, outside air approximately every 10 minutes.
- ✓ Hand sanitizing dispensers are located at the front of the coach and in the lavatory.
- ✓ Coach interiors are treated and completely sanitized periodically using electrostatic spray technology and EPA approved disinfecting products.
- ✓ Applying BioProtect 500 for long term pathogen kill power.
- ✓ Escot is not restricting vehicle capacity beyond the number of seats. Beyond the Federal mask requirement, It is up to the client to decide what social distancing guidelines or specific safety protocols are in their group's best interests.