

Providers of Transportation Services

Use and Conservation of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)



PPE does not replace physical distancing, frequent handwashing, or avoiding touching your face, eyes, and mouth.

Due to shortages of PPE, your agency should consider taking steps to conserve your supply of PPE by:



Only using PPE when necessary.



Conserving necessary PPE through extended use and limited reuse when applicable.

When to Wear PPE:

Situation	PPE to Use
General work including driving any type of vehicle with passengers and prior to passengers boarding	Face mask or cloth face covering if face mask is not available
Going inside residences	Face mask or cloth face covering if face mask is not available, gloves
Transporting a passenger who is confirmed or suspected positive for COVID-19	Face mask, gloves, and additional protection such as a face shield or goggles if face shield is not available (as long as they do not create a driving hazard)

Note: A cloth face covering is not intended to protect the wearer from the virus, but it may prevent the spread of the virus from the wearer to others.

How to Use and Conserve PPE



Face masks or cloth coverings worn around someone who is sick should be thrown out, or in the case of cloth coverings, decontaminated before reuse. For extended use, wash hands before and after taking off the used mask. Store the mask between uses in a clean, sealable paper bag or breathable container. Dispose of paper bag after daily use and wash container before reuse. Wash cloth face coverings daily.

Change and dispose of gloves between in-residence pickups, if supplies allow; if supply does not allow, use hand sanitizer on gloves before new pickups. Keep sanitizer in your vehicle and sanitize gloves before leaving for the next passenger. Also sanitize vehicle door handles, steering wheel, console, and any other object inside the vehicle that you touched with gloved hands. If you are re-using gloves, do not eat or drink in your vehicle.



For extended use of goggles or face shields, do not touch or adjust your eye protection; if touching or adjusting, wash hands. If eye protection becomes visibly soiled, remove, clean, and disinfect.

Other Best Practices

- Maintain physical distancing of at least six feet whenever possible; limit close contact time if unable to distance
- If possible, add a physical barrier inside the vehicle (such as a plastic shield) between driver and passengers
- Driver and passengers should sit as far away from each other as possible
- At a minimum, clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces in the vehicle between rides
- Wash hands with soap and water or sanitize often
- Avoid touching your face, eyes, and mouth
- Cover coughs or sneezes with elbow

Additional Resources:

- [CDC Guidance for Rideshare, Taxi, Limo, and Other Passenger Drivers-for-Hire](#)
- [CDC Guidance on PPE Optimization](#)
- [WI DHS Guidance on PPE](#)
- [CDC Information on Cloth Face Covers](#)
- [WI DHS How to Make a Cloth Face Covering Without Sewing](#)
- [WI DHS Conserving PPE: Face Masks, Face Shields, and Goggles](#)
- [WI DHS Limited Reuse, Removal, Storage, and Retrieval of PPE](#)

