



وزارة الصحة
Ministry of Health

**Public Awareness
Campaign
to Combat
Coronavirus
(COVID-19)**



Guidelines on SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Private Buses



General Guidelines for Private Buses

- Limit close contact with others by maintaining a distance of at least 1 meter, when possible
- Consider asking bus passengers to enter and exit the bus through rear entry doors
- Request passengers to avoid standing or sitting within 1 meter of the bus driver
- Avoid touching surfaces often touched by bus passengers
- Use gloves if required to touch surfaces contaminated by body fluids
- Practice routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched surfaces, including surfaces in the driver cockpit
- Proper hand hygiene is an important infection control measure. Employees driving or using the private bus should regularly wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 70% alcohol
- Ensure there is at least one closed waste bin for the driver and one for the passengers to throw used tissues in

Guidelines for Bus Drivers

- Limit contact with passengers
- Nearest passengers to sit 1 meter away –starting from the 5th row in the bus
- Maintain proper hand hygiene and wear face masks
- Additional workplace-specific times to clean hands include:
 - Before and after work shifts
 - Before and after work breaks
 - After touching frequently touched surfaces, such as handrails
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth
- Stay home if you are sick

Guidelines for Passengers

- Avoid taking the bus if you are sick or feeling unwell
- Always wear a face mask when taking the bus
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the bin
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Practice social distancing, keep an empty seat between each passenger if there are no stickers available indicating where passengers should sit
- Avoid touching surfaces
- Avoid using the bus if you or any of your roommates or household members are self-isolating

Guidelines for Vehicles

- Limit passenger capacity to support physical distancing - Keep stickers where the passengers should be allowed to sit to keep social distancing into account
- Maintain routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched surfaces, including surfaces in the driver cockpit commonly touched by the operator.
- Make sure to clean and disinfect areas that receive the most regular contact such as: - Door handles - Handrails - Head rests - Seat grab handles - Seat backs - Seat belts (tongue/buckle/webbing)