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Cleaning Protocol for District and Contractor School Vehicles

In an effort to help control the spread of infectious diseases on district and contractor school vehicles, the Office of Pupil Transportation has adopted daily cleaning measures that are consistent with CDC guidelines.

Two Step Process – Clean First Then Disinfect

Frequently Touched Hard non-porous Surfaces (seats, including seat backs, door handles, seat buckles, grab handles):

- Clean and disinfect at the beginning and end of each shift
- Disinfect between runs
- Use EPA/District distributed cleaning agents including cleaning towels and wipes
- Doors and windows should remain open while cleaning the vehicle
- Wear disposable gloves
- Wear protective gear such as masks and disposable gowns
- Dispose disposable gloves, cleaning clothes and protective gear in approved waste receptacle
- Wash hands immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water is unavailable
- The interior of each vehicle should be cleaned and either swept or vacuumed thoroughly after each morning and evening route and/or at least once each day

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Frequently touched electronic surfaces, such as tablets or touch screens:

- Remove visible dirt with disposable cleaning wipe
- Remove visible dirt then disinfect using manufacturer’s instructions
- Follow remaining cleaning instructions for cleaning hard surfaces (above)

Two Step Process – Clean First Then Disinfect Areas that are not often touched by passengers (buttons, pull cords, rails, steering wheels, door handles, shift knobs, dashboard controls and stanchions)

- Dust- and wet-mopping vehicle floors
- Removing trash daily
- Wiping heat and air conditioner vents
- Spot cleaning walls and seats
- Dust horizontal surfaces

General Cleaning and Disinfecting Guidelines

- Always review and follow safe handling and safety instructions that are on the label or inserts of the cleaner being used
- Do not mix chemicals unless proper documentation advises otherwise
- Surfaces should be cleaned before they are disinfected
- Use PPE equipment when cleaning or disinfecting
- Apply the cleaner to the towel and not directly to the surface
- Micro fiber towels are recommended when disposable towels are unavailable
- Do not soak. Use enough cleaner to wipe off and not leave a puddle

Products Not Recommended

- Pure Bleach
- Ammonia based products
- Pure Hydrogen Peroxide
- Only use CDC/EPA cleaners or cleaners that have been approved and provided by the District or bus company

The storage of alcohol-based hand sanitizer on school buses is prohibited as alcohol is considered a flammable agent.

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