

COVID-19 PROTOCOL – SANITIZING MV VEHICLES

Your health and safety is our priority.

The novel coronavirus can survive on surfaces for a period of several hours or up to several days depending on the conditions. It tends to survive better on hard surfaces such as plastic and metal than on softer surfaces such as paper. *(Source: New England Journal of Medicine https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMc2004973?query=featured_home)*

In an effort to help staff contain the potential spread of COVID-19, the following protocol has been established to provide guidance on how to sanitize Metro Vancouver vehicles.

As part of your daily pre-trip inspection, please do the following:

- Step 1:** Gather supplies, including disposable gloves, sanitizing wipes or paper towels and sanitizing solution in a spray bottle (10:1 water to bleach solution or any broad spectrum disinfectant such as Lysol®).
- Step 2:** Open all the vehicle doors and allow for natural ventilation.
- Step 3:** Disinfect all the commonly shared and high-touch surfaces, daily and when transitioning to another driver. Use enough disinfectant product so that all surfaces are visibly wet.

What Should You Clean?

- ✓ Steering wheel
- ✓ Centre touchscreen and GPS screen
- ✓ All buttons, dials and switches, including for the climate control and stereo
- ✓ Door handles, inside and outside
- ✓ Key fob and starter button
- ✓ Turn signal, gear shift and wiper lever
- ✓ Lock, and power window controls
- ✓ Seat adjuster, whether power- or manually-adjustable
- ✓ Flat surfaces such as the dash, console, armrest, and door side pads
- ✓ Rearview mirror



Remember: If you've adjusted it, you've touched it.

- Step 4:** Allow the disinfectant to dry with the vehicle doors open before driving.

The important thing to keep in mind is that maintaining good hygiene and performing regular sanitizing of high-touch surfaces are the best means of defense against COVID-19.