

LONG-TERM CARE

TRANSPORTATION

Almost all Long-Term Care Facilities offer transportation to their Residents. LTC transportation presents several concerns; the need to clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces, social distancing, safety and air flow. LTC's must work closely with third-party transportation providers to ensure best practice protocols are followed, Health risks must also be minimized on facility owned vehicles.



PARTNERS IN PROTECTION

STOP THE SPREAD

Long-Term Care Facilities will need to team up with transportation providers to reduce risk. Among the key protocols that will need to be implemented.



Hand Sanitizer

Hand sanitizer should be available at the front of the bus and Residents should sanitize their hands when boarding and exiting.



Wipes

Wipes should be available for use and seats should be wiped prior to each trip.



Distance Seating

Follow CDC and local guidance when it comes to implementing social distancing on transportation vehicles.



Ventilation

Prior to departure from the facility, confirm the proper functioning of all components of the ventilation system that are to be used.

HAND HYGIENE

Focusing on hand hygiene will be crucial to efforts to minimize the risk for both Residents and drivers. Either a hand sanitizer dispenser should be available at the front or immediately outside of the vehicle or staff members should be positioned to provide Residents with sanitizer as they board.

KEY SURFACES

- Vehicle seats need to be wiped prior to each trip by a designated representative.
- Bus windows should be cleaned each evening. Caution riders not to touch or open the windows.
- Vehicle handrails need to be wiped/disinfected prior to each trip.
- Buses and vehicles with seat belts should implement a protocol to ensure risks are minimized.
- Only the driver should be permitted to touch the steering wheel and door opening lever.