

Bus drivers

STAY SAFE during COVID-19 pandemic



WASH YOUR HANDS

The HSE advises hand washing is vital during a pandemic. Potentially infectious virus particles that might be on the skin can be effectively removed by soap and water. Wash your hands for 20 seconds or use a waterless alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Avoid touching eyes, ears and mouth, after handling cards, money or tickets. Wear gloves and a mask when possible in the absence of hand washing facilities.



CLEAN BUS INTERIOR

Clean vehicle interior regularly by disinfecting any hard surface such as plastic or metal through washing with soap or detergent in water. This inactivates viruses that might live there. Inactivation reduces the risk of transferring the virus further. You must leave the surfaces wet with soap for a minute or two to allow it to work. Ensure areas of high frequency contact by passengers are cleaned regularly.



AVOID CONTACT

While it is difficult to practice social distancing as a professional driver, maintaining separation from others is key to stopping the spread of COVID-19. Where driver partitions are provided remain behind them. Where none are provided limit interactions to minimum required to complete task.



KEEP COMMUNICATION OPEN

Drivers are already used to communicating instructions to passengers. The fewer in-person interactions you have with others, the better during COVID-19. Ensure passengers are instructed to adhere to the recommend seating plan.



IF YOU ARE SICK

If you're feeling sick and have symptoms of COVID-19, such as a new persistent cough and/or high temperature, consider staying at home. Follow government advice and call your doctor for further guidance. Inform your employer if required and don't leave home unless it's for medical reasons.



BE CAREFUL, BUT DON'T PANIC

There is a risk of infection being transferred through contact with cards, money and tickets. Treat these as contaminated surfaces and take precautions when handling. Remember to be polite, courteous and professional at all times.