

## **DOTOSH Guidance – Pre-operation Sanitizing of Trucks / Social Distancing Within Trucks (3/19/2020)**

### **Sanitizing Trucks:**

To the greatest extent possible, vehicle operation should be restricted to a limited number of individuals so as to minimize the amount of sanitizing necessary which will conserve on resources. In other words, a single operator should be assigned to a piece of equipment where possible.

Please use standard cleaning & disinfection products as recommended (e.g. bleach/water solution (1:10), Purell, peroxide multi-purpose cleaner, Clorox wipes).

Staff should wear and use appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in the safety data sheet (SDS) for the cleaning product. In most cases this will be gloves, goggles or a face shield for certain concentrated liquid cleaners, however, hand wipes such as Clorox brand disinfecting wipes meant for regular consumer use would not require any personal protective equipment to be worn.

If gloves are not available where specified as required by the SDS for concentrated cleaning chemicals, portions of cleaning cloths can be moistened so as to avoid hand contact with the cleaning agent. Alternately, a plastic bag can be used to isolate the worker's hand from the cleaning cloth. If goggles or face shields are not available for those same concentrated cleaning chemicals (when specified as required by the SDS), the cleaning solution/chemical shall not be applied by spraying/using a spray bottle so as to not aerosolize the cleaner. Instead, the cleaning agent should be slowly poured on to the cleaning cloth to moisten before cleaning surfaces. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning products to the greatest extent possible.

Used cleaning cloths can be discarded as regular waste.

Cleaning only reduces the risk of spreading infection so you should continue to wash your hands often and wash your hand after sanitizing your vehicle.

Wash your hands using clean warm water, apply soap, scrub for at least 20 seconds, rinse your hands under clean running water, and dry hands with a clean towel or air dry.

Hand washing sinks should have clean running water, soap and paper towels at all times.

- All drivers must sanitize the often touched surfaces of vehicles prior to operation if another driver has operated the vehicle. When cleaning vehicles, staff should pay special attention to disinfecting **surfaces and objects that are touched often, such as but not limited to:**
  - Door Handles
  - Grab bars
  - Arm Rests
  - Seat Belts
  - Shifter or Selector Pad
  - Steering Wheel
  - Parking Brake
  - Seat
  - Grab Handles
  - Hood Latches
  - All interior Instrument Switches on Dashboard
  - Functional Handles and Levers
  - Fuel Caps

**Vehicle Operation:**

- If another employee will take over driving that vehicle during the day, he/she must sanitize it before use. Again, switching vehicle drivers should be avoided where possible.
- As much as possible, employees should maintain a 6-foot spacing inside trucks and at the job site. If there is more than one row of seats in a vehicle, a single employee may be in each row and staggered to not be behind one another.
- While driving, keep the windows at least partially open when possible. As milder weather is expected in the coming weeks, it should not be difficult to do this.

Hand washing posters are available in 22 languages at: [nyc.gov/coronavirus](https://nyc.gov/coronavirus).

**About Face Masks:**

The NYC Health Department does not recommend the routine use of face masks if you are not sick. Face masks are not needed for general or routine tasks by staff.

N95 disposable respirators and half and full face respirator normally supplied to workers for voluntary use are not being distributed at this time. This equipment is being reserved for use by health care workers who are on the front line of this fight against the enemy – COVID-19.