

Transportation Guidelines during the COVID-19 Response

1. The Transportation Aide and other members of CHD performing transports **will not** transport patients if they have these symptoms: fever, cough or shortness of breath.
2. CHD will transport non-emergent appointments only.
3. Any CHD staff member who is transporting patients will practice basic infection control procedures including vehicle/equipment decontamination, hand hygiene, cough and respiratory hygiene and proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE). **The CHD staff member transporting will be required to wear a mask during transportation.**
4. **The patient will sit in the back of the vehicle to use recommended social distancing.**
5. **The patient will be required to wear a mask during transportation.**
6. Disposable plastic covers will be provided to place on the car seat to prevent it from contamination.
7. Routine cleaning methods will be employed in between patient transports:
 - a. The driver will wear non-sterile, disposable gloves while cleaning the patient area which includes door handles and doors and when handling the cleaning wipes provided. (CHD will provide CaviWipes. Directions for use are: use one CaviWipe towelette to completely clean surface of all gross debris. Use a second towelette to thoroughly wet the surface which must remain wet for 1 minute a second towelette may be needed to ensure this.)
 - b. Non-patient care areas of the vehicle may become indirectly contaminated, such as by touching the steering wheel, light switches, they should be cleaned and disinfected wearing non-sterile gloves using the provided cleaning wipes.
8. After cleaning, remove and dispose of gloves and any refuse left behind by patient in a leak proof bag or waste container.

9. Immediately clean hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand gel.

If you have any questions concerning these directions please contact Leslie Smith RN or Robin Brashear RN at Nimiipuu Health Community Health Department 208-843-9375.