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 Nimipuu Health Community Health Department 208-843-9375.