



COVID-19

Pohnpei COVID-19 Task Force



Taxi Drivers and Rideshare Advisory

All existing standards as enforced by the Pohnpei Environmental Protection Agency and the Pohnpei Department of Health and Social Services are to be followed strictly.

Keep yourself and your passengers protected.

To ensure you keep and passengers protected, you can take the following steps:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 40-60 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Ask passengers to sit in the back to create physical distance.
- Avoid handling money, if possible, or sanitize your hands after handling.
- Have tissues and hand sanitizer available for your passengers.
- Print and post information for passengers in your back seat.
 - Stop the Spread of Germs Flyer (CDC) English.
 - Coronavirus Factsheet (available in different languages).

Disinfect your car regularly.

- Plan to clean and disinfect your car as often as possible—especially after you drop off passengers who appear to be sick and after every medical passenger. Pay close attention to surfaces that are touched often by passengers.
- Use a disinfectant that is pre-approved for use against novel coronavirus (COVID-19).
- Wear disposable gloves when cleaning and only use them once.

Special precautions for drivers transporting patients to health care facilities.

The DoHSS considers "Medical transport workers (e.g. Ambulance vehicle operators) moving known or suspected COVID-19 patients in enclosed vehicles" to be at high risk for exposure. If you are transporting medical customers, take the following precautions:

- Be sure to have alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol content and use it often.
- It is recommended that you wear personal protective equipment, such as disposable gloves and a face mask. It is important to replace your disposable gloves and face mask after every medical customer.
- If you are transporting a patient that is known to or is suspected to have COVID-19, it is recommended that you wear a Face Mask. You may also want to wear a gown and a face shield or goggles if you help customers in and out of the car.
- After helping a medical passenger out of the car, you should remove all protective equipment and wash your hands or use high alcohol content hand sanitizer before getting back into your car.
- Speak to your company administration about providing personal protective equipment if they have not provided it.

This Advisory is subject to change when new information becomes available.

Know the symptoms of COVID-19. Symptoms of coronavirus are similar to flu or colds and may include:

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| ➤ Fever (High Temperature) | ➤ Headache | ➤ Runny nose |
| ➤ Persistent Dry Cough | ➤ Breathing Difficulty | ➤ A General Feeling of Being Unwell |
| ➤ Shortness of Breath | ➤ Sore Throat | |

If you have any of these symptoms, remain in home isolation and immediately call the helpline 320-3109.

