

COVID-19 PASSENGERS IN VEHICLES GUIDANCE

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Individuals may ride with passengers in a vehicle if the requirements below are met. Individuals that are traveling for University-sponsored business or activity shall seek travel approval, if required.

Driver/Passengers do not get in vehicle if they are sick or have health concerns related to COVID-19

Wear a mask

- *All vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals, including UWM employees and students, should continue to properly wear masks while in vehicles with others.*
 - *Additionally, all vaccinated and unvaccinated employees are required to properly wear masks in enclosed buildings while on UWM business.*
- *Masks may prevent people who don't know they have the virus from transmitting it to others.*

Social Distancing

- *Social distancing is no longer required in enclosed spaces, but all individuals are encouraged to remain at least six feet apart from others when possible in all shared, enclosed spaces.*
- *When planning transportation options, consider the ability to social distance (6-feet) as much as possible. Size the vehicle and/or the number of vehicles to accommodate social distancing for the number of passengers as much as possible.*
- *Avoid close contact with passengers, when possible.*
 - *Keep a distance of at least 6 feet from passengers when outside the vehicle.*
 - *Ask that passengers sit six feet from the driver (and each other where possible) when transporting passengers in larger vehicles such as vans and buses.*
 - *Passengers should handle their own personal bags and belongings.*
- *Avoid using the recirculated air option for the vehicle's ventilation during passenger transport; use the vehicle's vents to bring in fresh outside air and/or lower the vehicle windows when weather permits.*
- *Avoid contact with surfaces frequently touched by passengers or other drivers, such as door frame/handles, windows, seatbelt buckles, steering wheel, gearshift, signaling levers, and other vehicle parts before cleaning and disinfection.*

Clean and disinfect

- *Get and carry cleaning and disinfectant spray or disposable wipes and disposal trash bags in the vehicle.*
- *Follow the directions on the cleaning product's label.*

- *Key times to clean hands include:*
 - *Between rides*
 - *After putting on, touching, or removing masks*
 - *Before wearing and after removing gloves*
 - *Before and after pumping gas*
 - *Switching drivers*
- *Carry tissues in the vehicle to use when someone coughs, sneezes, or touches their face. Throw used tissues in the trash.*

Passengers

- *Passengers should sit in the same seat riding to and from the destination, if possible.*
- *Riding as a passenger is voluntary. Passengers may take a different vehicle if uncomfortable riding with multiple people in the vehicle.*

References:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Daily Activities and Going Out," June 16, 2021
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/using-transportation.html>