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Cleaning & Disinfectant Practices/Procedures for Vehicles

Things to Remember:

- Ventilation of the vehicle while cleaning and disinfecting is key. Open those doors and windows!
- Wash hands thoroughly after each work session.
- Clean high-contact surfaces first and most frequently, including interior and exterior door handles, shift knobs, dashboard controls and seatbelts
- Always wear face mask while en-route to students and while students are inside of vehicle
- Wash hands thoroughly and keep hand sanitizer inside of the vehicle
- Slightly crack windows while transporting school students for air-flow and ventilation

Cleaning protocols for contractors include:

- High-touch areas, including buttons, handholds, pull cords, steering wheels, door handles, shift knobs, dashboard controls
- Dusting horizontal surfaces.
- Cleaning spills.
- Removing trash.
- The interior of each vehicle should be cleaned and either swept or vacuumed, thoroughly before and after each morning and evening route and/or at least once each day, this includes seats.
- Wiping heat and air conditioner vents.
- Spot cleaning insides of doors and seats.

Further guidance: Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that are touched often and properly.

- daily sanitizing of surfaces and objects that are touched often, including seatbacks, steering wheels and door handles is especially important in reducing the spread of Covid-19 and overall, germs
- fumigating, are not necessary or recommended. These processes can irritate the eyes, nose, throat and skin, aggravate asthma and cause other serious side effects. clean and disinfect correctly.
- Immediately clean surfaces and objects that are visibly soiled. If surfaces or objects are soiled with body fluids or blood, use gloves and other standard precautions to avoid coming into contact with the fluid.
- Always follow label directions on cleaning products and disinfectants. Wash surfaces with a general household cleaner to remove germs.
- For spills, remove the spill, and then clean and disinfect the surface. Keep routine cleaning and disinfecting practices in place.
- Rinse with water and follow with an Environmental Protection Agency-registered disinfectant ([bit.ly/EPA-disinfectants](https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration)) to kill germs. If a surface is not visibly dirty, you can clean it with an EPA-registered product that both cleans (removes germs) and disinfects (kills germs) instead.
- Most viruses are relatively fragile, so standard cleaning and disinfecting practices are sufficient to remove or kill them.
- Be sure to read the label directions carefully, as there may be a separate procedure for using the product as a cleaner or as a disinfectant.
- Special cleaning and disinfecting processes, including frequently using room air deodorizers and

- Disinfection usually requires the product to remain on the surface for a certain period of time (e.g., letting it stand for three to five minutes).
- When an EPA-registered disinfectant is called for, be sure to follow the label directions on the disinfectant for dwell time—the amount of time necessary for the disinfectant to reside on the surface. Also, make sure the surface remains wet during the dwell time to properly disinfect and kill the germs. All nonporous surfaces should be disinfected by EPA-approved products known to kill the COVID-19 virus. Find these resources and more at www.aft.org/coronavirus Find these resources and more at www.aft.org/coronavirus Worker protections:
- Pay close attention to hazard warnings and directions on product labels. Cleaning products and disinfectants often call for the use of gloves or eye protection. For example, proper gloves should always be worn to protect your hands, and windows and doors should be open to provide as much ventilation as possible.
- Workers should follow cleaning product labels for use, including dilution requirements and dwell times, and have ample amounts of ventilation while using the products, including having the doors and windows kept open to maximize airflow to ventilate school vehicles.