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Recommendations for Transportation

1. **Vehicle**: Recommend a large van with a separate, rear access door be used. If not available, have passengers use the passenger side rear door(s). Do not allow passenger(s) to enter the vehicle using front side door.
2. **Social Distancing**: Enforce the social distancing protocol of 6 feet between the driver and passengers. Passengers should never sit in the front passenger seat next to the driver. If possible, have the passenger(s) enter through a separate rear door. If 6 feet is not practical, the driver should wear a surgical mask.
3. **Driver Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**: driver should wear disposable gloves to reduce potential exposure to vehicle surfaces. Surgical masks are not required due to the droplet nature of how the virus is transmitted. However, surgical masks may be used in order to ensure drivers are willing to transport symptomatic people. Driver should avoid touching their face while driving.
4. **Symptomatic Passenger(s) PPE**: Passengers that are symptomatic should be wearing a surgical mask before getting in the designated transport vehicle.
5. **Personal belongings**: any bags or suitcases that are transported should be placed in plastic bags and the bag closed before being put into transport vehicle.
6. **Post-Transport Vehicle Cleaning**: the vehicle should be cleaned following recommended CDC cleaning procedures involving COVID-19 patients.
 - Ensure that environmental cleaning and disinfection procedures are followed consistently and correctly, to include the provision of adequate ventilation when chemicals are in use. Doors should remain open when cleaning the vehicle.
 - Routine cleaning and disinfection procedures (e.g., using cleaners and water to pre-clean surfaces prior to applying an EPA-registered, hospital-grade

disinfectant to frequently touched surfaces or objects for appropriate contact times as indicated on the product's label) are appropriate for covid-19.

- Products with EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens claims are recommended for use against COVID-19 (otherwise known as SARS-CoV-2). Refer to the EPA website for EPA-registered disinfectants that have qualified under EPA's emerging viral pathogens program for use against SARS-CoV-2.
- Clean and disinfect the vehicle in accordance with standard operating procedures. All surfaces that may have come in contact with the patient or materials contaminated during patient care (e.g., stretcher, rails, control panels, floors, walls, work surfaces) should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected using an EPA-registered hospital grade disinfectant in accordance with the product label.

7. Dispose of PPE/Wash Hands: Driver should properly dispose of their disposable gloves in a sealed bag and put in the garbage. Afterwards, they should thoroughly wash their hands for 20 seconds with warm water and soap.

