

Mandatory Stand-Up Talk

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Keeping your Vehicle Clean

Washing hands and cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces are two of the best ways to defend against spreading the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

As COVID-19 has continued to spread, you've probably already learned the proper technique for washing your hands with soap and water or by using a hand sanitizer product and decontaminating high-touch surfaces with household cleaners. Both of these practices can assist in protecting against COVID-19 spread and contamination.

But what about your vehicle?

If you or someone else who has been in the vehicle you are assigned to operate shows symptoms of COVID-19, you should clean the frequently touched surfaces as soon as a possible. These include the steering wheel, inside and outside door handles, shift lever, any buttons or touch screens, wiper and turn signal levers, passenger and driver door armrests, grab handles, seat belts, and seat adjusters. Use a household disinfecting spray or wipe, according to the label's instructions. Labels contain instructions for safe and effective use of the cleaning product including precautions you should take when applying the product. Supplies are available on site and there are procedures in place to order as needed.

Once you're finished cleaning, don't forget to wash/clean your hands before and after driving your assigned vehicle. It's a good habit to get into, even outside of the spread of COVID-19.

The number one prevention measure you be doing on a regular basis is to clean your hands with soap and water or by using a hand sanitizer product. You can clean your steering wheel, but if you have dirty hands, you put that dirt back on. Washing your hands frequently is still the best way to defend yourself against COVID-19.

Postmasters/Managers/Supervisors

Please make every effort to have employees utilize the same delivery vehicle, daily. Reducing vehicle changes will help reduce possible transmission of contagions.