



WHAT TO DO ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL

COVID-19 is highly contagious and is spread when fluid droplets carrying the COVID-19 virus are transmitted from one person to another. When a person coughs, sneezes or shouts, droplets containing virus particles are released into the air and fall onto surfaces. If a person touches their eyes, nose or mouth after having touched other peoples' hands or objects or surfaces on which droplets containing the virus are lying, they can then 'catch' the virus and become infected.

The virus can survive in the air for a short period of time, so it can be inhaled directly from droplets in the air. The virus can also survive on hard surfaces such as plastic or steel for as long as 72 hours, if not removed with regular cleaning. Therefore all surfaces, as well as cash, credit cards, books, stationery, door handles and supermarket counters and products, are potentially risky.

In the midst of the evolving Covid-19 pandemic, learners must learn a new normal of balancing their educational, social and emotional needs with health and safety measures. Whether learners are travelling to school in a bus, a taxi or a car, they themselves have a responsibility to ensure their safety and the safety of other passengers by adhering to the following:

- Wearing cloth face masks at all times whether being transported or walking to school.
- Maintain social distancing and good hygiene to prevent or reduce the possibility of infection.
- All transport operators must ensure that public transport vehicles are sanitised before picking up and after dropping off learners.
- Transport operators must ensure that all door and window handles, armrests etc. are sanitised before picking up learners and after dropping them off.

