

Safe Transport of Individual with Suspected COVID-19

(Adapted from [The World Health Organization](#): Infection prevention during transfer and transport of patients with suspected COVID-19 requiring hospital care)

The following recommendations will support the development of, or updates to, the Club's Emergency Action Plan (EAP) in relation to the safe transport of individuals with suspected COVID-19.

- Verify facility protocols for managing suspected cases of COVID-19, including procedures and locations for isolating individuals with symptoms or suspected COVID-19.
- Align the Club's EAP with the facility's safety measures.
- Ensure the daily attendance log includes the parent/guardian's contact information for quick reference as needed (This is important as non-participants, including parents, will not be allowed in most facilities until physically distancing and capacity limitations are loosened).
- As the first point of contact with participants, the COVID-19 Risk Manager or person conducting Daily Health Assessments are encouraged to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including a face mask and gloves.

Upon recognizing that an individual is suspected to have COVID-19 or is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19:

- DO NOT** transport the individual who is experiencing symptoms or is suspected to have COVID-19 in your personal vehicle or ask anyone from outside their family to do so.
- Immediately isolate the individual who is experiencing symptoms or is suspected of having COVID-19 and provide them with a mask and gloves.
- If the individual is having difficulty breathing or chest pain, call 9-1-1 and activate the EAP as appropriate.
- Contact the individual's parent/guardian to have them pick up the individual immediately at a designated exit point.
- Provide PPE to the parent/guardian, if necessary.
- Direct the parent/guardian to:
 - Return home directly and to contact Health Link BC at 8-1-1 for further instruction or to use the [BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if further interventions, assessment, or testing are required.
 - Seek medical attention if symptoms worsen.
 - Encourage the patient to avoid creating touch points as much as possible.
 - Create as much separation in the vehicle as possible between the individual and others and open all windows for ventilation.
 - Turn off air conditioning or other electric ventilation to prevent the possible aerosolized particles from circulating in the air vents.
 - All parties should wear a mask and perform proper hand hygiene during transport and upon arriving at the destination.
 - Clean the vehicle's surfaces as well as any surfaces (e.g., door, door handles, buttons, seat belt, etc.) or communication equipment (e.g., cell phone, tablet, or computer) used by the individual.
- Clean all surfaces touched by the individual or notify facility staff of the need to do so. Keep the potentially infected area clear of other individuals until the thorough cleaning is complete.