

# Coronavirus safety tips for taxi and private hire vehicle drivers



Here are some things you can do to protect yourself and your passengers from coronavirus (COVID-19). These are based on the latest government guidance on working safely in a vehicle.

## 1 Be alert and assess the risks

- Think about your vehicle and your customers and how you can reduce the risks.
- Consider installing a screen as these may be beneficial (check with your local licensing team).

## 2 Maintain hygiene

- Regularly apply hand sanitiser or wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water.
- Keep your vehicle clean and clean your driving area regularly including your steering wheel.
- Clean surfaces you or others touch after every fare.
- Wear a face covering – the kind you can easily make at home.

## 3 Waiting for fares

- Remain in your car wherever possible.
- (Out of your vehicle) keep your distance from people outside your household.

## 4 Get tested

- As an essential worker you can get tested for COVID-19.
- See government guidance on how to self-refer for a test.

## 5 Stay healthy

- Your health matters.
- Follow the five steps to mental wellbeing – [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

### For more information

[www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/vehicles](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/vehicles)

ESSEX RESILIENCE FORUM



Preparing for Emergencies in Essex