



Sanitation and Hygiene Advisory for Transport Operators

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Greetings from the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission (FCCC).

FCCC is an independent Fijian statutory authority whose role is to enforce the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission Act 2010, promoting competition, fair trading, regulating prices in markets where competition is lessened or limited and regulating monopolistic market situations including national infrastructure for the benefit of all Fijians.

To date, there have been thousands of confirmed cases of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) infection around the globe, as well as a few cases in Fiji. In view of this situation, FCCC urges all stakeholders to take precautionary measures to maintain high standards of sanitation and personal hygiene.

The Transport industry encompassing all bus, taxi, minibus, and licensed carrier operators are advised to maintain high standards of personal and vehicle hygiene and cleanliness to safeguard public health and establish confidence in all Fijians. This will also provide assurance to all Fijians, knowing that the operators and their staff uphold good hygiene and cleanliness standards.

Therefore, FCCC advises all stakeholders to take into consideration the following practices:

a) Personal Hygiene

Staff should be reminded to:

- Monitor their temperatures frequently.

- Report to their supervisors, see a doctor and stay away from fellow colleagues if they are unwell.
- Wear a mask if they have a cough or runny nose.
- Cover their mouths with tissue paper when coughing or sneezing, and dispose of the tissue paper into the rubbish bin immediately. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water.
- Practice good toilet habits (e.g. flush toilets after use).
- Practice good personal hygiene (e.g. wash hands with soap and water before and after meals, after clean-up is carried out, after handling refuse or other dirty items, and after visiting the toilet).
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, face and arms with unwashed hands.
- Cleaning staff are encouraged to:
 - Soak cleaning cloths in household bleach at the proper concentration according to manufacturer's instructions and wash the cloth after use and before reuse.
 - Clean and disinfect all cleaning equipment immediately after use.

b) Vehicle Management

- A team of designated vehicle cleaners should be assigned to carry out cleaning of vehicles at least once daily.
- Disinfect frequently touched areas such as handrails, door knob/handles and vehicles' seats with cleaning agents after each trip.

c) Ventilation System

- Check, clean and maintain all ventilating and air-conditioning systems regularly.

FCCC kindly seeks your cooperation in implementing the above practices. Should there be any need for further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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