



\*In this document the term patient is inclusive of patients, residents, or clients.

Safety is a top priority for the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA). Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, family presence and personal leaves from SHA facilities have been curtailed to help stop the spread of illness; however, there may be times that patients wish to leave the premises during their stay. This document is intended to help patients and their family member/support person transport safely for an outing in a personal vehicle.

### Guidelines for Transport

- 1. Patients who are symptomatic or are self-isolating due to a potential COVID 19 exposure will be permitted to leave a facility for essential medical services only. This will be decided in partnership with the Care Team.**
- 2. Family member/support person must be [screened](#) prior to arriving at facility to pick up patient.** If a family member/support person screens positive for COVID 19 symptoms or exposures, the patient outing should be postponed or alternate arrangements made for transport.
- 3. Family/support person, drivers and client must follow good infection control measures**
  - Hand hygiene must be performed before entering and after exiting a vehicle
  - The patient and any family members/support people should wear a mask or facial covering at all times in the vehicle. This is particularly important when 2 metres physical distancing cannot be maintained
  - Avoid touching face, eyes, nose or mouth, especially with unwashed hands
- 4. The vehicle used for transport of patient should be cleaned and disinfected before and after use.** A combined cleaner/disinfectant product/wipes with a Drug Identification Number (DIN) and a virucidal claim, such as disinfecting wipes, should be used to clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces:
  - Seats/seat back
  - Door handles
  - Overhead grab handles
  - Window controls
  - Lock buttons
  - Seat belts/buckles
  - Centre console
  - Arm rests
  - Steering wheel
- 5. Follow the current screening protocols for patient's return to facility.**