



## Mountview UCA: Transporting People & COVID-19 Rules/Risks

To: All church members (drivers) who volunteer to transport other people (not of your household)

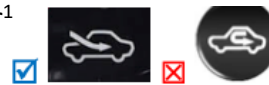
To: All church members (passengers) who wish to be collected and transported to/from the church

### **The Advice (per Vic Health Dept and UCA Synod VicTas):**

Transporting others is (legally) permitted, however it is **not** recommended

Where possible, carrying passengers in a car should be avoided, unless they live in your household. This is because the enclosed space of a car increases the risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). If traveling in a car with someone who is not part of your household, then:

- the passenger should sit in the back seat, in order to maintain physical distancing
- both driver and passenger wear a fitted face mask, unless a lawful exemption exists
- high touch surfaces in the vehicle should be cleaned and sanitised regularly
- increase ventilation in the vehicle by opening windows wherever possible
- Setting vehicle air conditioning / airflow to fresh air<sup>1</sup>



### **Mountview UCA Advice:**

To provide all members with available advice so they can each evaluate and estimate their own risk, and what is appropriate for their circumstances, as either a driver or a passenger.

That an understanding exists that there's no obligation to either drive someone nor to be a passenger.

#### Passengers:

Consider whether your interaction with others, including at church, or in transport, should be avoided for any of the ongoing *guidelines*<sup>2</sup> that recommend exclusion:

- Those who are immuno-compromised, etc.
- over 70
- over 65 with significant medical conditions
- Aboriginal people over 50 with significant medical conditions

*Note:* People feeling unwell are automatically excluded and are **not** permitted to enter any church.

Consider whether any transport needs can be met by someone else from your household; or else by family members; or by a *best friend* who you already meet regularly. Taxi usage is another option.

Feel confident to ask questions and to obtain assurances from your volunteer driver.

#### Drivers:

Consider if you are able to satisfy all the health departments' and synod dot-points above.

Consider all known circumstances about your potential passengers and what is best for them.

Consider the requirement to regularly clean **and** disinfect<sup>3</sup> your car (inside, plus outside door handle).

Consider, as the carer, your ability to satisfy all other current health advice / hygiene requirements.

#### Notes:

1 This requirement is also stipulated by the federal Department of Health

2 The exclusion guidelines are recommendations to be considered by all parties; they are not legally binding

3 Cleaning (removal of dust, dirt, etc) is required **prior** to any use of a Disinfectant. The reason is because dust, dirt, etc "deactivates" disinfectants. The assurance of a disinfectant working is limited to whether the surface is first totally clean. Disinfecting a dirty surface does not work.

All formal advice quoted is provided by: Crisis Management, Risk Management & Insurance Services, MRU, of the UCA Synod of VicTas on 23 November 2020 at 11:06:33 am AEDT, after they've consulted VIC Health.

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