

Groome Transportation's Commitment to Safety

The safety of our passengers and employees is Groome Transportation's top priority. Our commitment to the safety remains even greater during this time as COVID-19 continues to be of concern for all Americans and people around the world. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, Groome Transportation has implemented enhanced safety protocols for all of our shuttle operations.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

As the owner and operator of our vehicle fleet, we take great pride in its cleanliness. The protocols for cleaning and disinfecting that Groome Transportation has adopted are consistent with and, in some cases even more stringent than CDC guidelines. The attached Cleaning and Disinfecting Policy is what the senior management team of Groome Transportation has adopted to implement these protocols.

Riding in Our Vehicles

To give passengers more space and provide a safe, healthy travel experience, we have also implemented the following changes:

- Reducing the number of passengers on each vehicle by blocking certain seats to maintain appropriate social distancing among riders.
- Loading passengers from the rear of a vehicle, whenever possible, to reduce encounters with the driver and other riders.
- Allowing for a constant supply of fresh, filtered air coming into the vehicle.
- Requiring all drivers to wear face masks.
- Requiring all passengers to wear face masks.
- Providing drivers with gloves and an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

Education

The attached Cleaning and Disinfecting Policy also serves as a basis for train our employees in measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and has been made part of Groome Transportation's Managers Safety Manual.

The Groome management team recognizes that managing and working with a commitment to safety will contribute to the quality of our operations and customer service. We remain committed to providing the safest possible service so passengers can rest easy on their next ride.

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Groome's Use of Electrostatic Sprayers for Cleaning and Disinfecting Surfaces

Groome Transportation will begin using a **fogging procedure** that disinfects the interior surfaces of each bus and vehicle with a safe, high-grade EPA-registered disinfectant, which is 99.999% effective against a wide variety of bacteria and viruses, including coronaviruses, and is applied with a leading-edge, handheld electrostatic sprayer.



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This method of disinfecting exceeds CDC guidance and is becoming popular among school systems, hospitals and airlines for its superior effectiveness while reducing waste.

What is Electrostatic Spray Technology?

Electrostatic spray technology is a new way to apply cleaners, sanitizers, and disinfectants to treat surfaces, often in less time and with better coverage than traditional cleaning methods. The technology is well-established, with a history of more than 60 years in other areas, including agriculture, automotive, and tanning industries, but it has only recently been applied to surface disinfection.

Electrostatic sprayers work by charging liquids (i.e., cleaners, sanitizers, and disinfectants) as they pass through a sprayer nozzle. This generates charged droplets that repel one another and actively seek out environmental surfaces, which they stick to and even wrap around to coat all sides. The result is a uniform coating of sanitizer or disinfectant on sprayed objects, including hard-to-reach areas that manual cleaning can miss. The technology also helps avoid liquid pooling often associated with trigger sprayers. (Velez, 2019)