

# **COVID-19 Project Bussing Travel Protocols**

## **Application**

The following COVID-19 Travel Protocol is applicable to Project Buses transporting workers to and from Lower Churchill Project (LCP) Worksites. This Protocol is to be used in conjunction with Travel Protocols and guidelines with respect to restrictions by the Project, Public Health, Provincial and Federal Governments.

## **Purpose**

The overall purpose of this plan is to support and implement practices to protect those on Project Buses and prevent spread of COVID-19 as applicable to the LCP worksites.

## **Background**

On December 31, 2019, the World Health Organization (WHO) was alerted to several cases of pneumonia in Wuhan, China which did not match any other known virus. The cause has been confirmed as a new coronavirus (COVID-19). To date, COVID-19 has spread outside China and has impacted other Countries. The Public Health Agency of Canada currently describes the risk to Canadians as HIGH, so it is prudent for LCP to be proactive in the Management of; exposure to, spread and control of COVID-19 incidents in the workplace.

## **Guidance**

In concert with latest information from World Health Organization, Provincial and Federal Health Departments, LCP Health and Safety personnel are working directly with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party occupational physician with extensive experience in pandemic planning to ensure that the COVID-19 Project Bussing Travel Protocol is updated in accordance with latest information relative to COVID-19 Incident Management. Referencing current guidance, the following protocols have been prepared for those required to travel on Project Buses for the purpose of attending and departing LCP worksites.

## **Project Bussing Protocols**

As part of the Lower Churchill Project's continued effort to combat the COVID -19 virus spread, specific measures have been implemented for personnel that will be traveling via a Project Bus to and from the Muskrat Falls Construction Site and the Airport on 5 Wing Goose Bay and / or designated pick up locations for workers who are local residents of the general area. No Light Duty Vehicle travel will be permitted. All travel to and from the site for rotational purposes will be via Project Bussing.

The following are measures will be implemented prior to boarding and while travelling on Project Buses to and from the site.

1. Prior to personnel boarding the Project Bus for authorized travel for the purpose of attending any LCP site, confirmation of successful completions of all required Pre-Screening documentation (Screening Questionnaire / Decision Tree) will be required to be submitted by their Employer 48 hours in advance.
2. All personnel will be subject to LCP and Contractor Pre-Screening Protocols when returning from their rotation (including Digital Body Temperature Surveillance).
3. Prior to boarding a Project Bus, personnel shall self-identify if they are experiencing or have been around anyone experiencing Influenza Like Illness (ILI) symptoms, if answered yes, this will result in a denied access to the Project Bus.
4. Prior to getting on the Project Bus medical personnel will perform Digital Infrared Thermometer Body Temperature Surveillance. This will already have been completed for those personnel who rotated via air travel as per the Rotation by Air – Travel Protocols.
5. The buses will be completely sanitized and wiped down prior to personnel boarding.
6. To eliminate Shift A & Shift B Interaction during this Transfer, Inbound / Outbound Buses will be dedicated for the respective groups.
7. Social distancing will be factored in to seating arrangements based on the capacity of the bus in respect to the amount of passengers allowed to board. Passengers are reminded of the requirement to take the assigned seats to ensure this protocol is being followed.
8. Upon arrival to the Muskrat Falls Site and prior to personnel being permitted entry to site, medical personnel will perform mandatory Digital Infrared Thermometer Body Temperature Surveillance for individuals that have not already been checked at time of pickup. This is mandatory for anyone entering the site. Anyone with an elevated temperature (38 degrees and above) will be denied access. A surgical mask will be applied immediately; the person isolated and directed to call the 811 Healthline for further instructions.
9. For those departing the Site, Digital Infrared Thermometer Body Temperature Surveillance will have already occurred as per current Site Protocols.
10. Regular handwashing is imperative. Wash one's hands with soap and water before boarding the Project Bus.

**While off-site, if you are symptomatic or been around someone symptomatic or suspected to have Covid-19, do not board a Project Bus and contact your Local Health Authority at 811 before going to your Doctor or Hospital. If on-site and develop symptoms, contact the site medical clinic at the non-emergency number (709)899-4296. Follow instructions given. As well notify your Company / Supervisor.**

## **Updates and Amendments**

Because the status of COVID-19 is changing rapidly, LCP Health and Safety representatives are monitoring COVID-19 updates from Provincial and Federal Public Health Agencies, WHO Situation Report and the Centre for Disease Control on an hourly/daily basis. As noted, LCP has retained the services of a 3<sup>rd</sup> party occupational physician with extensive experience in pandemic planning, who is providing regular updated information and guidance on management any potential scenarios surrounding the COVID-19 situation.

As information impacts the accuracy of this plan, the plan will be updated and communicated accordingly.