

☞ Remember that vomiting and diarrhea may be indicative of flu or other infectious disease, and may require medical attention.

☞ Hand washing is the #1 prevention of infectious diseases.

- ☞ Always wash hands after using the restroom, coughing, or sneezing.
- ☞ Always wash hands before eating or touching food.
- ☞ Use soap and hot water and scrub vigorously for 20 seconds.

☞ Since motor coaches do not have potable water, keep plenty of hand sanitizers, sanitary towelettes or towels available.

- ☞ It is imperative to follow sanitary guidelines when dumping waste.
- Wear disposable gloves when handling waste connections. Dispose of the gloves before reentering the bus.
  - Wash and sanitize hands thoroughly after handling waste connections and before reentering the bus.

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These guidelines are not meant to restrict tour operators from using additional procedures.

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## General Guidelines for Sanitizing Buses and Preventing Disease



and also produce:

- ☺ Enjoyable Vacations
- ☺ Satisfied Guests
- ☺ Repeat Business
- ☺ Increased Revenues

The procedures and disinfectants identified in this guideline are effective against the infectious diseases of Norwalk Virus and Coronavirus (SARS-Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome).

Keeping passengers safe and healthy is important for them, for you, and for your company.

Proper disease prevention and cleaning procedures can prevent:

- ☆ Illnesses of passengers and employees,
- ☆ Loss of time and money
- ☆ Bad public relations for the business.

And by following a few simple steps, you can help prevent illness for your passengers.

- ☞ Passengers and crew who are sick, have a fever, or are experiencing diarrhea or vomiting should not embark on a tour.
- ☞ **Encourage passengers and crew to wash their hands thoroughly, especially after using the bathroom. Post signs to encourage hand washing.**
- ☞ Frequent bathroom breaks should be scheduled for people on motor coaches. This provides stretching and “getting the kinks out” for passengers. This also reduces the risk of blood clots and strokes.

- ☞ Snack breaks should be provided for the passengers. “Doggie bags” and other food should be discouraged on the bus. Food is messy and can get old and spoil.

- ☞ Clean up supplies including tissues, “sickness bags”, paper towels, gloves, absorbents, disposable briefs, cleaners, disinfectants, and trash bags should be readily accessible.

- ☞ If someone is vomiting, stop the bus and let the person throw up outside. Germs can be aerosolized and contaminate the entire bus.

- ☞ Promptly cleanup vomit and diarrhea, by using the standard “Clean up and Disinfectant Procedures”.

- ☞ Designate someone to be responsible for clean up procedures prior to the beginning of the trip.

- ☞ **Designated personnel who perform cleaning of bodily fluids should be properly trained in the procedures on an annual basis.**

- ☞ **If possible, designate seat next to toilet for a passenger who is vomiting.**

- ☞ Encourage passengers who are sick to remain hydrated by frequently sipping or drinking plenty of fluids.

- ☞ **Clean the areas of contact (e.g. bathroom, bathroom fixtures, light and ventilation switches, stair rails, doorknobs, armrests, and back of seats) daily with germicidal/virucidal product. Bleach solution of 1 1/3 tablespoons of household bleach to one quart of water, Virox, VIRKON, Coverage 256®, Big Spray®, or EcoTru® are appropriate for use. Cleaning several times a day when a passenger is ill can prevent others from becoming ill.**

- ☞ Clean and sanitize upholstered contact areas with appropriate germicidal/virucidal products like Virox or VIRKON between tours and if possible while passengers are off the bus at an event. Virox and VIRKON are not bleach based and not harmful to fabric.

- ☞ Thoroughly clean and sanitize the bus between tours.

- ☞ Ventilation should be cleaned and sanitized regularly, especially after transporting ill passengers.