DEPARTMENT OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT

LEARNER TRANSPORT COVID-19 PREVENTION PLAN

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT LEVEL 3 INTERVENTIONS

This report covers the core level 3 interventions for Learner Transport

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Executive Summary

Situational Analysis:

- There are estimated to be about 4,000 registered learner transport vehicles
- 508 being subsidised operating in Gauteng
- further approximately 7,000 operating illegally
- Learner Transport Operators use Minibus, Midibus, Buses, sedan, SUV, open trucks type of vehicles to transport learners.

LEARNER TRANSPORT COVID-19 PREVENTION PLAN

The Department of Roads and Transport prepared this plan to minimise the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic in the Learner Transport Industry.

1. Assist GDRT and Gauteng Department of Education (GDE) together with Learner transport operators to implement effective measures to enforce COVID-19 regulations; and

2. To minimise the spread of Corona Virus in the learner transport system.
Purpose

1. To identify important and specific activities which Operators and the Departments will undertake for transportation of Learners during the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. To outline the registration process for Learner Transport Operators for future medium and long term control of the sector.
Objectives

The objectives of the plan are to:

1. Enforce COVID-19 regulations in Learner Transport;
2. Coordinate COVID-19 Learner Transport Related interventions in the Gauteng Province;
3. To establish effective control over learner transport operations and activities as there has been weak regulation in the past;
4. Leverage COVID-19 enforcement process to lay a foundation for medium and long term control of learner transport;
5. Improve the coordination of learner transport between the GDE and the GDRT;
6. Provide timely, authoritative and up to date information to the public, business, government bodies, and the media throughout the period of the pandemic on learner transport;
1. Creation of a proper, credible, reliable, efficient and effective Scholar Transport data-base through a registration process to commence on the 1st June 2020. Data-base will provide us with identification, control, enforcement and support for Learner Transport Covid-19 Prevention Programme and beyond.

2. Create though GPS coordinates and road maps, convenient Trip 1 (morning trip) Vehicle Disinfection nodal points to enforce vehicle cleaning/disinfection before commencing with the trip. This is critical to ensure that learners are not loaded into Covid-19 high risk vehicles.

3. Ensure that every school with Learner Transport Operators serve as a Trip 2 (After School Trip) Vehicle Disinfection nodal point to enforce vehicle cleaning/disinfection before commencing with the trip to protect learners as they leave school premises.

4. The Gauteng Department of Education should assign a Senior Executive and a Deputy the role of coordinating actions to address COVID-19 learner transport issues and to act as contact with the Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport and Health Authorities;

5. The Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport will prepare, setup and manage the Learner Transport COVID-19 Coordination at Dereck Masoek facility;
6. The Coordination Committee will be comprised of Representatives of Learner Transport Operators (Taxis, Buses, Trains) and government representatives (At any meeting social distancing shall be maintained and at Derek Masoek facility should be less than 10 people);

7. Coordination of Distribution of material, information and any capacity required will be set up at the COVID – 19 Coordination Centre at Derek Masoek;

8. Learner Transport Operators and Schools shall establish procedures requiring staff to report if they feel unwell or are absent, and to report possible infection or exposure to the virus (including following private travel to high-risk areas) or concerns involving others they have been in contact with at work. Report to the Coordination Centre any such reports for consolidation and analysis;

9. Gauteng Department of Education will deploy personnel to enforce COVID-19 measures at all schools and selected pick up points and drop off points;
COVID-19 CORE ACTIVITIES

TRIP 1 (EARLY MORNING HOME TO SCHOOL)

➢ Vehicles will report to designated areas close to their points of origin for disinfection/deep cleaning before commencing to learner pick up points;

➢ Vehicles will be cleaned/disinfected early in the morning at designated areas close to the points of origin by GDRT staff or their partners;

➢ After disinfection/deep cleaning the vehicle will be certified for operations through a GDRT stamp on the vehicles COVID-19 logbook and released for operations;

➢ School authorities will stamp the COVID-19 logbook on arrival of the Learners at the school certifying that regulations are being followed;

➢ Parents will enforce the certification of vehicles before allowing Learners to board;

➢ Parents will enforce the wearing of masks before allowing Learners to board the Learner Transport vehicle;
COVID-19 CORE ACTIVITIES

TRIP 1 (EARLY MORNING HOME TO SCHOOL)

➢ Drivers will ensure social distancing within the vehicles is adhered to;

➢ Drivers will sanitise Learners before they board their vehicles;

➢ Law enforcement will routinely check for adherence to regulations and logbooks with Learner names.

➢ Daily symptom screening will be done for all drivers, managers and operators at the point of convergence and when receiving material from the GDRT;

➢ Any symptomatic staff members should be swabbed on site where possible or referred to the nearest clinic for swabbing;

➢ All Learners will be expected to wear a face shield and a mask;
GDH Covid 19 Rank Based Program and Services

- TB and HIV Screening and Testing.
- Family Planning (issuing of condoms, etc).
- Child Health.
- Sugar diabetes and Hypertension.
- Environmental Health.
- Covid 19 Screening and Testing.
- Health and Environment Training for Rank Based Officers (recruited and selected by the GTI).

NEXT CRITICAL ACTIVITIES

TRIP 1 - HOME TO SCHOOL COVID 19 LEARNER TRANSPORT PROCESS CHART

1. Register the unregistered Learner transport
2. Issue Sanitizer and disinfectant to the driver.
3. Issue DoE SOP to the driver
   \[ \text{DoE SOP and Stickers} \]
4. Disinfection of vehicle early morning before 1st Trip
5. Monitoring compliance with disinfection.
   \[ \text{Covid 19 log book} \]
8. Is vehicle compliant?
   \[ \text{YES} \]
   8a. Report to relevant office
9. Release to operate

NOTES:
- This learner transport delivery process flow covers the activities to be performed by DRT officials, Drivers (Unregistered), GDoE, Schools, and Parents.
- Documentation to be utilized is indicated on relevant activities
- All identified activities are repetitive in the delivery process.
COVID-19 CORE ACTIVITIES

TRIP 2 (AFTERNOON SCHOOL TO HOME)

✓ Vehicles will be cleaned/disinfected in the afternoon at schools before picking up learners to home;

✓ The GDE will ensure that Learner Transport vehicles are disinfected/cleaned before the afternoon departure;

✓ GDE will ensure that Learners hands are sanitised before departure;

✓ GDE will ensure that learners are wearing masks before departure;

✓ GDE will ensure that social distancing regulations are adhered to before departure;

✓ The COVID-19 logbook will be stamped by the School authorities certifying that the operators are adhering to regulations for the afternoon trip before departure;

✓ On arrival of Learners from School, parents will ensure that COVID-19 regulations are being adhered to and will report deviations to school authorities or the GDRT;
1. GDH Covid 19 Rank Based Program and
   - Family Planning (issuing of condoms, etc).
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**COVID-19 CORE ACTIVITIES**

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**TRIP 2 - SCHOOL TO HOME COVID 19 LEARNER TRANSPORT PROCESS CHART**

- **DRT OFFICIALS**
  - 2. Register the Unregistered Learner transport

- **DRIVERS**
  - 4. Sanitizing and Disinfection of vehicles before 2nd trip to Home

- **GDoE/SCHOOL**
  - 5. Monitoring compliance with disinfection, sanitization, social distance and wearing Masks

- **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

  - 8. Is vehicle compliant?
    - NO
    - 8a. Issue warnings and thereafter impound.
    - YES

  - 9. Release to operate
• THANK YOU!