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REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES DURING COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

On 25 March, the Minister of Transport, Fikile Mbalula, published regulations for public transport services during the Covid-19 lockdown. These regulations were amended by the minister on 31 March 2020.

The summarised regulations are as follows:

- All owners of public transport facilities must on regular intervals provide adequate sanitizers for disinfection for users of public transport services for the duration of the lockdown.
- All operators must ensure that public transport vehicles are thoroughly sanitized internally and externally before picking up, and after dropping off, passengers. Further to this, all drivers, together with any marshal that interacts with member of the public, must wear a mask.
- The sanitisers used to sanitise all public transport vehicles and passengers must have a minimum of 60% alcohol content. Operators must make available information on disinfection materials and procedures.
- All long distance and inter -provincial services are prohibited for the duration of the lockdown.
- Transportation of passengers by bus is prohibited except when the bus is used for purposes of ferrying passengers rendering essential services.
- Public transport that shall be permitted to ferry essential services workers will operate from **05H00 to 10H00** and again from **16H00 to 20H00**
- Notwithstanding the times cited above , minibuses and midi-buses are allowed a grace period to proceed to pick-up points, without loading passengers, an hour before the pick-up operating times and an hour after the operating times in order to finish offloading passengers.
- No person is allowed to stand in a public transport vehicle.
- Public transport vehicles must reduce their maximum licensed passenger seating capacity to 70 %, however a minibus or midi-bus may load 100% of its licensed passenger capacity provided that all passengers are wearing a **surgical** or **N95** respiratory mask.
- A vehicle licensed to carry up to 4 passengers may only transport 50% of its licensed capacity.
- Private institutions or companies who are performing essential services may make arrangements for the transportation of their employees in line with their operating shifts or work time schedules as determined by the head of operations, manager or relevant person with authority. The operating shifts or timetable should be stamped and signed by the person with such authority;

It is important to note that any person who fails or refuses to comply with these directions, is guilty of an offence and on conviction, liable to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

We have attached a copy of the Regulations if you would like to refer to the documentation.

We once again thank you for your support during these challenging times.



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