Transportation Recommendations for Experiential Laboratories at University Research Centers and Off-site Field Trips

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Vehicles and passengers

- Maximum of two passengers per bench seat or row, seated at opposite ends of the bench.
- 12 passenger van with 3 bench seats = maximum of 7 passengers + driver
- 15 passenger van with 4 bench seats = maximum of 9 passengers + driver
- Minivans are NOT recommended.
- HEPA filter in air circulation system is recommended.
- Use the HVAC system with external air, not recirculated air. Open windows if no HVAC.
- Maximum of 30 minutes one-way travel time, 15 minutes preferred.

Daily Symptom Monitoring - Driver and ALL passengers must complete a COVID-19 symptom check prior to loading (https://renewal.missouri.edu/students/):

- Do you have a fever (temperature over 100.4F) without having taken any fever-reducing medications?
- Do you have a loss of smell or taste?
- Do you have a cough?
- Do you have muscle aches?
- Do you have a sore throat?
- Do you have shortness of breath?
- Do you have chills?
- Do you have a headache?
- Have you experienced any gastrointestinal symptoms such as nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite?
- Have you, or anyone you have been in close contact with, been diagnosed with COVID-19, or been placed on quarantine for possible contact with COVID-19?
- Have you been asked to self-isolate or quarantine by a medical professional or a local public health official?

If you answer “yes” to any of the questions, you need to stay home and call the MU Student Health Center (573-882-7481) or your health care provider.

Disinfecting and safety protocol

- Surfaces such as door handles, handrails, and seats should be disinfected prior to each trip.
- All passengers must perform hand hygiene prior to loading.
- All passengers and driver MUST wear a level 3 medical grade mask and have it on prior to loading the vehicle, NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Avoid touching face, nose, eyes or mouth.
- Load the vehicle only when everyone is ready to depart. Do not load and wait for departure inside the vehicle. Wait outside the vehicle with at least 6 ft social distancing.
- Passengers must load from the back to the front and occupy the same seats during the entire trip.
- Load quickly and travel to destination.
- Passengers must unload from the front to the back.
- All passengers must immediately wash or disinfect hands after disembarking.
- Disinfected vehicle after each use, including seats, handles, and all touched surfaces.