

Sharing Farm Vehicles During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Best Practices for the Agricultural Community

Agriculture is a critical and essential business during the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic. It is important to take proper precautions and prevent the spread of the virus on your farm or ranch to protect you, your family, and your employees. Review these guidelines for limiting the spread of COVID-19 in trucks, tractors, ATVs, and other farm vehicles.

IS IT SAFE TO SHARE FARM VEHICLES?

To limit the spread of COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone should avoid close contact as much as possible. **Therefore,**

- **It is not recommended to share farm vehicles at this time.**
- **It is also not recommended to ride in farm vehicles with anyone other than the people with whom you share housing**
- **To the degree possible, assign one person to one vehicle on your farm/ranch.**



IF I HAVE TO SHARE, WHAT CAN I DO TO PROTECT MYSELF AND OTHERS?

- **DISINFECT THE INSIDE SURFACES AND EXTERIOR TOUCHPOINTS OF THE VEHICLE AFTER EVERY USE.** This includes the steering wheel, dashboard, door handles, arm rests, and other commonly touched hard surfaces. Place a disinfectant product (wipe, spray, etc.) in each vehicle for easy access. Follow the CDC's and product manufacturer's recommendations for use and personal protective equipment.
- **WEAR A CLOTH FACE COVERING WHILE RIDING IN A VEHICLE WITH ANOTHER PERSON.** The cloth face covering prevents droplets from your breath, cough, or sneeze from landing on other people inside the vehicle. If you have the virus and do not know it, this helps prevent you from transmitting it to others in the vehicle with you. *(Note that wearing a cloth face covering is not an appropriate replacement for wearing the required respiratory protection for applying pesticides or using ag chemicals.)*
- **DO NOT ASSUME A CABIN FILTRATION SYSTEM PROTECTS YOU.** If droplets from your breath, cough, or sneeze contain the virus, the cabin filter cannot filter out the virus, and it may be recirculated.
- **LIMIT SHARING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BY ASSIGNING AND SPLITTING TASKS BY VEHICLE USAGE.** For example, one person does the tasks requiring the truck while another does the tasks requiring the tractor.
- **PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE.** Wash your hands regularly and avoid touching your face, especially after using a shared vehicle.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [How to Protect Yourself and Others From Coronavirus \(CDC\)](#)
- [Cleaning and Disinfecting Households – Detailed Disinfection Guidance \(CDC\)](#)
- [Wearing, Cleaning, and Washing Cloth Face Coverings \(CDC\)](#)

