

Mandatory Stand-Up Talk

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Keeping your Vehicle Clean

Washing hands and cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces are two of the best ways to defend against spreading the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

As COVID-19 has continued to spread, you've probably already learned the proper technique for washing your hands with soap and water or by using a hand sanitizing product and decontaminating high-touch surfaces with household cleaners. Both of these practices can assist in protecting against COVID-19 spread and contamination.

But what about your assigned postal vehicle?

In order to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, you should clean frequently touched surfaces regularly. These include but are not limited to the steering wheel, inside and outside door handles, shift lever, any buttons or touch screens, wiper and turn signal levers, passenger and driver door armrests, grab handles, seat belts, and seat adjusters. Use a household disinfecting spray or wipe, and always follow the directions on the product label. Labels contain instructions for safe and effective use of the cleaning product, including precautions you should take when applying the product. All required supplies will be made available to employees on a daily basis. When supplies need to be replenished, every effort will be made to expedite the orders.

Once you're finished cleaning your vehicle, don't forget to wash/clean your hands. If you clean your vehicle, but you still have dirty hands, you put that dirt back on any surface you touch. Cleaning your hands on a regular and consistent basis with soap and water or using a hand sanitizing product is the number one preventative measure you can take to avoid the spread of germs and the best way to guard against COVID-19.

Washing your hands frequently is still the best way to defend yourself against COVID-19. It's one good habit to have, even outside of the spread of COVID-19.

The Postal Service is committed to making every effort to have employees use the same delivery vehicle on a daily basis, in order to help reduce possible exposure.