Ridesharing Safety During COVID-19
Information to Share with Your Community
California Department of Public Health

* Sometimes you need to share a car, van, bus or other vehicle with people who don’t live with to get to work, the store or an appointment during the COVID-19 pandemic.
* To avoid getting the COVID-19 virus, it is best to limit the number of rides you take with people outside of your household. Only ride with others when it is needed.
* If you do share a ride with someone, follow safety steps like those you would take if you were going out in public and trying to avoid the virus.
* Here are some safety tips to follow when ridesharing.

**Before Sharing a Ride**

* Never share a vehicle with others when you have a cough, fever or feel sick.
* Wash your hands with soap and water before getting into the vehicle.
* Try to see if more than one car or van can be taken so fewer people are in the vehicle at the same time.
* Try not to ride in a vehicle if the driver or passengers aren’t wearing face coverings.

**Inside the Vehicle**

* Always wear a face covering that covers your mouth and nose while inside a car, van, bus or other vehicle when you are sharing a ride with others who don’t live with you.
* Try to limit the number of people in the vehicle.
* Sit as far apart as possible. Try to stay six feet away from others.
* Try to leave the middle seat open.
* Limit talking while riding because the COVID-19 virus spreads through coughing, sneezing and talking.
* Try not to eat or drink while riding in the vehicle.
* Cover your mouth with your elbow if you cough or sneeze.
* Try to bring hand sanitizer for people to clean their hands during the ride. Use it if you touch a frequently touched surface.
* Open the windows of the car to keep air moving or set air re-ventilation/air conditioning on non-recirculation mode.

**After Sharing a Ride**

* When the ride is over, wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.