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### **PROTOCOL FOR BAGGAGE HANDLERS**

The general risk for transmission of COVID-19 via baggage remains low. Potential sources of exposure could include surfaces touched or handled by a person with COVID-19 or by touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.

1. Practice routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched surfaces. These include baggage or cargo transport devices, vehicles, scanners, and shared/common two-way radios or other mobile devices. Follow the directions on the label of the cleaning product.
2. Proper hand hygiene is an important infection control measure. Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 70% alcohol.
3. Key times to clean hands in general include:
  - Before, during, and after preparing food
  - Before eating food
  - After using the toilet
  - After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
4. Additional times to clean hands on the job include:
  - Before and after work shifts
  - Before and after work breaks
  - After handling, loading, and unloading baggage, packages, or cargo
  - After touching frequently touched surfaces
  - After putting on, touching, or removing cloth face coverings
5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
6. Use gloves whenever you touch surfaces contaminated by body fluids. Gloves do not replace proper hand hygiene.
7. Do not use compressed air or water sprays to clean surfaces contacted by passengers, as these techniques may aerosolize potentially infectious material.

*Please note that this document may be revised at any time at the discretion of the Health Services Subcommittee of the National Emergency Committee/COVID-19 Task Force, Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment.*

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