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## **PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO COPE WITH INFLUENZA A (H1N1)**

1. The Land Transport Authority (LTA) has worked with the public transport operators (PTOs), taxi companies and the Taxi Operators' Associations on measures to make the public transport system and taxis as safe as possible, as well as to reduce the spread of the H1N1 virus. There is no need for commuters to avoid travelling on public transport or by taxis if they are well.

### **Precautionary measures by transport operators**

2. The PTOs and taxi companies have stepped up the following preventive measures:

- a) More frequent cleaning and disinfecting of their premises, common areas of bus interchanges/terminals and MRT/LRT stations, buses, trains and taxis;
- b) Increase ventilation of trains, buses and taxis;
- c) Providing regular updates to their staff (including taxi drivers) on the H1N1 situation and adopting precautions such as keeping a high standard of personal hygiene and seeking medical treatment immediately if they feel unwell;
- d) Daily temperature screening of bus / MRT drivers and MRT station staff; and
- e) Advised taxi drivers to monitor their daily temperature and not to drive if they are unwell with fever, cough or sore throat.

### **Precautionary measures for travel on public transport**

3. It is important that everyone play their part to exercise good hygiene practices when using public transport. By being socially responsible, we can help to slow the spread of the virus.

4. Do's when travelling on public transport:
    - a) Exercise good hygiene practices such as covering your mouth with a tissue when coughing and sneezing;
    - b) Check your temperature before leaving home for a journey on public transport. If in doubt, wear a mask to reduce the risk of infecting other commuters;
    - c) Plan your journey so as to avoid travelling during peak hours as far as is possible; and
    - d) If you are unwell, you should consult a doctor immediately. If there is a need to travel to see a doctor, the preference should be to take private transport, and to wear a surgical mask while in transit.
  
  5. Don'ts when travelling on public transport:
    - a) Do not travel on public transport if you have flu-like symptoms (such as fever, cough or sore throat); and
    - b) Do not touch your face or neck after contact with common surfaces.
    - c) Do not crowd with others when it is possible to spread out in the bus or train;
  
  6. LTA is in close consultation with the Ministry of Health (MOH) and will activate the appropriate measures should there be a need to. For more information, please visit LTA website at [www.lta.gov.sg](http://www.lta.gov.sg).
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