



**Swine Flu
Advice for taxi and private hire drivers**

The Public Carriage Office recognises that the taxi and private hire trades in London and their customers, have concerns regarding the swine flu outbreaks in the London area.

If you feel that you may have swine flu please contact the National Pandemic Flu Service at www.direct.gov.uk/swineflu or telephone 0800 1513 100. The service will assess your symptoms and if required provide an authorisation number which can be used to collect antivirals from a local Antiviral Collection Point.

The National Health Service has already provided general advice that may assist taxi and PHV drivers in dealing with the outbreak. The advice is that preventing the spread of germs is the most effective way to slow down the spread of diseases such as swine flu and you should always:

- Ensure you wash your hands frequently with soap and water
- Clean surfaces regularly to get rid of germs (You may wish to consider regularly cleaning the steering wheel and instruments on your taxi or PHV particularly if the vehicle is shared by more than one driver)
- Use tissues to cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze
- Place used tissues in a bin as soon as possible.

For further information regarding swine flu please go to the following links or telephone 0800 1513 513:

www.direct.gov.uk/swineflu

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Pandemic-flu/Pages/QA.aspx#mostinfectious>

Finally, whilst the above advice is current at the time of writing, you may wish to check the above websites, and national and local press for updated information.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Len Simkins".

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