

Lummi Island Ferry

2020 Passenger Only Vessel and Shuttle Van

Passenger Use Policy

This policy applies to individuals and household groups traveling on the **Island Commuter** passenger ferry and shuttle van during **this year's annual dry-dock service**. The policy balances a predictable level of service, COVID guidelines, and operational safety measures **to ensure the health and safety of crew and passengers**.

Passenger Only Vessel

- Passenger queuing areas will be located at each terminal. These areas will be identified by large safety cones placed 6 feet apart and will be clearly marked and signed so travelers can safely social distance while queuing.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available at each passenger queuing area, and on the docks near the boarding stations.
- All passengers are required to wear face coverings during transit as outlined in [state health orders and other guidelines](#). If you do not have a face covering, one will be provided.
- Passengers should be prepared for all weather conditions. The vessel will be loaded by filling the outside upper deck area first, followed by the lower inside area last. Please keep this in mind when positioning yourself in the queuing areas.
- The vessel will have clear vinyl barriers between the booths and Plexiglas shield between the seating areas.
- Vessel capacity is limited to 33 individuals, including those traveling in household groups.
- Additional runs will be offered during peak commute times at the Captain's discretion and when weather conditions allow.
- Whatcom County Public Works will post signs, social media, and other outreach tools to promote a responsible "stay-at-home, essential travel only" message, including postings on the vessel.
- The ferry will have an additional deck hand for continuous cleaning between runs.
- A HEPA air purifier will be used to circulate and clean the air.
- Up to six bicycles may be transported on a space-available basis. Passengers will be prioritized over bicycles when necessary.

Shuttle Van

- All passengers are required to wear face coverings as outlined in [state health orders and other guidelines](#). If you do not have a face covering, one will be provided.
- Van capacity is limited to 12 individuals, including those traveling in household groups.
- The van will have clear vinyl barriers between seating rows.
- The van will be regularly cleaned.

We ask all Passengers to keep our crew and our community healthy and safe by:

- Stay home whenever you can, use the ferry and shuttle van for essential travel only.
- Time your essential travel for non-peak times. Commuting hours are typically the busiest.
- Wear face covering at terminal areas, on the vessel, and in the shuttle van. If you do not have a face covering, one will be provided.
- Practice social distancing whenever possible.
- Be aware, be patient, be polite.
- Anyone who has a confirmed or suspected case of COVID19, or that has been directed by a healthcare professional to seek testing for COVID-19, should contact the Ferry Coordinator prior to their ferry travel at 360-594-7033. The Ferry Coordinator will notify the vessel, and those individuals will be provided with an isolated area on the vessel during transit.

More information about public transportation during COVID-19 is at:

- <https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/Notification.aspx>
- <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/publicworksferry/ferrycovid.htm>
- <https://www.skagittransit.org/rider-info/covid-19/>
- <http://www.ridewta.com/covid>
- <https://www.soundtransit.org/ride-with-us/changes-affect-my-ride>
- <https://www.kitsaptransit.com/covid-19>

