



Social distancing aboard our ferries

In the wake of the governor's recent [COVID-19 restrictions](#), I want to share what we're doing to help slow the spread of the virus. First off, we will continue to take direction from county, state and national health authorities to protect our customers and employees.

As an extension of the state highway system, we are a vital link for many communities. However, if health officials recommend it, we may limit the number of passengers on a single sailing. We also have plans ready to go to limit service to match demand.



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One more day to submit your haiku!

Thank you to everyone for submitting a haiku on Twitter this week for our sailing schedule [cover contest](#)! You have one more day to get your poems in before we select 25 that best represent the WSF experience to pass on to State Poet Laureate Claudia Castro Luna and local haiku poet Michael Dylan Welch for judging. They will each select two finalists and all four will be put up for a vote on our Twitter page the week of March 23-27!

Road construction near Anacortes terminal

Plan for possible travel delays into or out of our Anacortes terminal starting next week! On Monday, March 16, the city of Anacortes will start [roundabout construction work](#) on State Route 20 Spur/Oakes Avenue just east of our Anacortes terminal. Crews will have stages of alternating traffic and there could be some

Our vessels are much larger than many other forms of public transit, allowing passengers more opportunity to keep some distance between each other.



We have always followed robust cleaning procedures, including cleaning vessels between each sailing and a deep clean between shifts every eight-to-10 hours.

Handwashing is important and we are fortunate to have restrooms with running water and soap on all our ferries. If riders want to take extra precautions, avoid the busy morning and afternoon commute sailings if possible. Drivers and their passengers can stay in their vehicles during the sailing if they choose.

Finally, health authorities advise that if you are feeling ill or are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, please contact your healthcare provider and avoid traveling if possible.

A huge thank you to all of our staff and crew for keeping our system running. I also want to thank our customers for their cooperation in this effort – despite our “social distance,” we are all in this together!

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Starting next week, plan extra travel time to make your ferry reservation in Anacortes due to road work just east of the terminal.



“Thank you to the fantastic employee who was wiping the tables and sweeping on the 1:30 p.m. sailing from Bremerton to Seattle on Friday (March 6) and the same 1:30 sailing on Saturday (March 7). His extra effort has provided the community with the next level of service and made a HUGE difference in the quality of product passengers are paying for on this commute. Apparently a group of kids had just exited and left a mess on the tables and floors on Friday and he attentively wiped down and swept to provide clean and comfortable accommodations for the next (sailing’s) boarding passengers. [...] He advised he had wiped and swept that main cabin four times already that day.”

-Seattle/Bremerton

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