



### Be aware of various city and county mask requirements

Some cities and counties we serve require people to wear face coverings while others are strongly advising it. We too are strongly advising our customers that masks be worn on our vessels and in our terminals. We recommend that our customers know the rules of the local government jurisdiction they're visiting and wear a mask not only where required, but as the governor's ["Safe Start" plans and guidance for reopening](#) advises, when physical distancing is not possible.



*A face covering is required for our employees unless they're working alone. Our customers are strongly encouraged to wear a mask on our ferries and at terminals.*

### Ridership slowly increasing, still down 55% from 2019

Now that we're into what's normally our busy travel season and business is reopening following the COVID-19

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#### No changeover to summer schedule

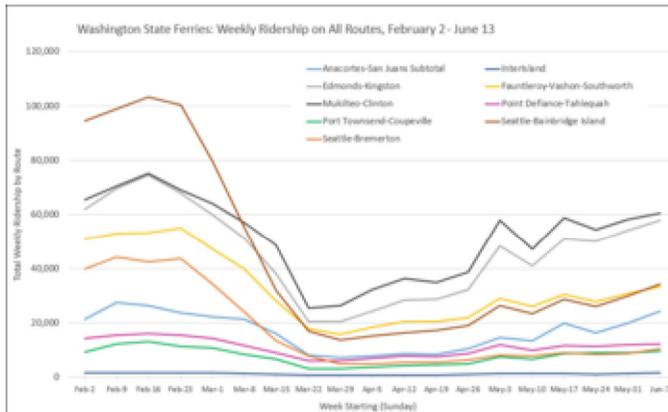
As a reminder, we will remain on our [current reduced schedules](#) until further notice. Any changes to this [COVID Response Service Plan](#) will be based on our four pillars of service – ridership, crew availability, vessel availability and funding. Therefore, there will be no switchover to a summer season schedule, which usually begins this weekend.



*Summer vehicle reservations on our San Juan Islands and Port Townsend/Coupeville routes are [available online](#).*

Customers can sign up for [email rider alerts](#), check [WSF COVID-19 travel updates](#) and follow WSF on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for the latest rider information.

shutdown, it's no surprise our ridership is increasing after bottoming off at historic lows in late March. But it's going up slowly, and we're still 55% below this time last year and even 37% down from February. Many returning customers are choosing to ride in vehicles, which are just 37% lower from June 2019, while walk-ons remain way down at 84%.



*Ridership on most of our routes remains below February numbers, with the Seattle/Bainbridge and Seattle/Bremerton routes lagging the most behind.*

As we welcome more and more people in the summer months, our customers should keep the following in mind: All riders are highly encouraged to come aboard in a vehicle and remain in the vehicle throughout the sailing. We may enforce reduced walk-on occupancy on sailings if necessary in order to maintain physical-distancing standards.

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### Crab pots and ferries don't mix

Ferries and crabbing are synonymous with the Pacific Northwest, but that doesn't mean they should tangle with each other. With most areas of Puget Sound [opening for recreational crab fishing](#) on Thursday, July 2, we want to remind crab fishers to avoid our ferry lanes. The [Northwest Straits Initiative](#) has more strategies for a successful crabbing experience.



*Crab pot line entanglements have led to costly repairs for us and hundreds of canceled sailings for our customers.*



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