



Fourth of July weekend travel

If your holiday weekend travel plans include a drive aboard one of our ferries, plan and prepare for extended waits. Several routes are operating on reduced schedules dependent on our [COVID Response Service Plan](#). Our current schedules are based on [four pillars of service](#) – ridership, crew availability, vessel availability and funding. With more than 100 high-risk employees unavailable due to the pandemic, crewing, has been a challenge. Due to a lack of crewmembers needed to meet U.S. Coast Guard safety requirements, there have been further schedule reductions over the past few weekends.

In an effort to give our customers as much advance notice as possible on future temporary schedule adjustments, the Executive Team and I have mapped out our crewing situation over the next month. In order to maintain some service on all routes, we have decided to reduce our Edmonds/Kingston and Mukilteo/Clinton routes to one-boat weekend service throughout the month of July, including this holiday weekend.



July 1, 2020

Video of our virtual community meeting

Missed our virtual community meeting? A [video recording](#) is available online. If you were one of the nearly 400 people who joined us Tuesday evening, thank you! Following a brief presentation with the latest information about our service and COVID-19 response, I joined members of the WSF Executive Team to answer questions from participants about a range of topics.



The WSF Executive Team and I answer questions from webinar participants during Tuesday's virtual community meeting.

Solar panels up at new Mukilteo terminal

The entire roof of our [new Mukilteo terminal building](#) is

Customers are asked to comply with the governor's [statewide mask mandate](#) on our ferries and in terminals when unable to physically distance from others.

Because of the coronavirus, customers who board a state ferry in a vehicle are strongly encouraged to remain in the vehicle throughout the sailing if possible. To maintain physical-distancing standards, if necessary, we will enforce reduced occupancy on sailings for walk-on passengers. This week, the Washington State Department of Health started encouraging people to [limit summer travel plans](#) to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

As a reminder, it is against the law to set off or carry fireworks aboard a ferry.

If you're coming aboard this weekend, I encourage you to sign up for ferry [email alerts](#), check [terminal conditions](#), review our [COVID-19 travel updates](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). I wish everyone a very happy and safe Independence Day!

Amy Scarton

Assistant Secretary, WSDOT/Ferries Division

covered in solar panels after crews wrapped up that part of the project in late June. The south-facing roof of the LEED Silver-certified building will harness energy to power terminal operations, with excess power sent to the grid. This is one of the many [green elements](#) of the LEED Silver-certified project.



In addition to solar panels, the new Mukilteo terminal will feature rainwater harvesting and enhanced stormwater treatment.



WSF Weekly Updates are available on our website at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/weekly

Questions? Contact us at WSFWeeklyUpdate@wsdot.wa.gov

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) information

If you would like to learn more about accessibility and the tools we have available, visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/Accessibility