

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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# **RDN Transit Update**

Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Transit continues to get you where you need to be as safely and efficiently as possible. Many of the measures put in place to respond to COVID-19 will continue and some additional practices and procedures will be implemented to align with BC's Restart Plan. These measures follow guidance provided by the Provincial Health Officer, WorkSafeBC and BC Transit.

# Front Door Loading and Collection of Fares Resumes June 1, 2020

Temporary vinyl panels have been installed to allow for physical distancing between the operator and passengers on our buses. Beginning June 1, 2020, these safety measures will allow for a return to front door loading and collection of fares on all conventional, community and handyDART services.

#### **Face Coverings**

The use of face coverings will be encouraged on buses and at bus stops where physical distancing is not possible. Passengers are responsible for providing their own face covering.

# **Route 25 Ferry Shuttle**

Beginning June 3, 2020, RDN Transit will resume Route 25 Ferry Shuttle to Departure Bay Ferry Terminal and will discontinue service to the Duke Point Ferry Terminal. The schedule will be based on the BC Ferries schedule which is currently being finalized. <u>www.rdn.bc.ca/transit-schedules</u> will be updated as soon as schedules are finalized.

# Other safety measures already implemented will remain in effect including:

- Enhanced cleaning on buses and at RDN Transit facilities.
- Communication to staff and customers about physical distancing procedures.
- Limiting passenger capacity to support physical distancing.

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