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COVID-19: Face coverings mandatory in transit systems operating in Interior Health region

The following information has been provided by BC Transit on August 20, 2021.

In alignment with the Provincial Health Officer announcement, BC Transit is reinstating the mandatory use of face coverings for customers on all BC Transit buses operating in the Interior Health region effective Saturday, August 21, for the health and safety of customers and communities.

This policy change impacts all routes and service in the following transit systems:

- 100 Mile House
- Ashcroft-Cache Creek-Clinton
- Boundary (Grand Forks)
- Clearwater Area
- Columbia Valley
- Cranbrook
- Creston Valley
- Elk Valley
- Kamloops
- Kimberley
- Kootenay Lake West
- Kootenay Boundary (Trail/Castlegar)
- Lillooet-Lytton
- Merritt
- Nelson
- North Okanagan
- Osoyoos
- Penticton
- Princeton
- Revelstoke
- Shuswap Regional
- South Okanagan – Similkameen
- Summerland
- **Vernon Regional**
- Williams Lake

This is in addition to the Kelowna Regional Transit System, where the mandatory use of face coverings was reinstated on July 29. The Kelowna Regional Transit System includes Kelowna, West Kelowna, Lake Country, Westbank First Nation, Peachland and Central Okanagan.

BC Transit is working hard to maintain a comfortable environment for customers and drivers. Customers may notice a delay in signage changes as the company updates messaging in these transit systems.

The organization appreciates the ongoing support of these policies by customers in the Interior Health region, and encourages customers to direct any further questions to their local transit office.

BC Transit is also continuing to recommend the use of face coverings throughout the rest of the communities it serves in B.C. in alignment with Step 3 of the Province's safe restart plan.

For more information on BC Transit's response to COVID-19 and our ongoing policies, go to: bctransit.com/covid19.