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## BC Transit to hand out face coverings in the Cowichan Valley

**COWICHAN VALLEY** – Leading up to the implementation of the mandatory face covering policy, BC Transit and the Cowichan Valley Regional District will be handing out masks on August 20, 2020 in the Cowichan Valley Regional Transit System. Times and locations are available below.

Following the guidance of the Provincial Health Officer and WorkSafeBC, and drawing on the best practices of the transit industry worldwide, BC Transit has implemented safety measures to respond to COVID-19. Our practices and procedures also align with BC's Restart Plan.

As part of these measures, face coverings will be mandatory on all BC Transit buses beginning August 24, 2020 unless you meet the exclusion criteria listed at [BCTransit.com/COVID-19](https://www.bctransit.com/COVID-19).

While face coverings are mandatory, the policy is an educational step without enforcement. The educational position is aligned with TransLink and other transit agencies in Canada.

For more details about BC Transit's response to COVID-19, and a list of the safety measures in place, please visit [bctransit.com](https://www.bctransit.com).

Masks will be handed out at the following locations and times:

Location	Date	Time
Village Green Exchange	August 20	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Village Green Exchange	August 20	3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Face coverings will also be handed out by the following fare vendors in the Cowichan Valley, upon request from customers:

- 49th Parallel (Ladysmith)
- Cowichan Lake Community Services
- Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD)
- Galletto's Market (Crofton)
- Town of Ladysmith
- Wal-Mart Lotto Centre

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