

PRESIDENTIAL DECREE ON FORMENTERA HIGHWAY TRANSPORT MEASURES AMID COVID-19 HEALTH CRISIS

Yesterday, Consell de Formentera president Alejandra Ferrer signed a new mobility decree laying out the following reductions in public transport service:

1) Buses:

- Reduction of service to 66% of normal level; merging of L1 and L2 routes into a single line linking island's major towns; service to port for townspeople and Hospital health workers at departure and arrival times of passenger ferries.

Updated times will begin Monday 6 April 2020 and remain in effect for the duration of the state of alarm. For pick-up along certain portions of route, riders must call 695 16 16 36 one hour prior to scheduled stop (or before 9.00pm for the first trip of the next day). No bus service on Saturday afternoons, Sundays or holidays.

2) Taxis:

- Reduction of service to 20% of normal level, bringing total number of operational taxis from 25 to 5. Service for arriving ferry passengers from Port de la Savina bus stop; other travellers must request service by calling 971 32 23 42. Taxi service shall determine shift rotation.

Measures established by preceding decrees remain in effect the present document notwithstanding. For example, hygiene and informational measures decreed by health authorities remain in effect in buses and taxis, and increased sanitising measures must focus on

high-touch surfaces. Standing protective measures involve safety of public transport staff.

Two measures in particular bear repeating: buses must not exceed 33% capacity, and taxi passengers must not exceed one per vehicle, save for riders requiring assistance such as minors, the sick, individuals with reduced mobility or in cases with other valid motives. Taxi passengers must ride in the back seat, and multiple passengers must maintain one empty space between them.

Lastly, in an effort to reduce any non-essential movement of vehicles, blue and green zone metred parking remains suspended, as does enforcement of restrictions on overflow lot parking.

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