

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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## Cape May – Lewes Ferry Consolidates Operating Schedule Vehicle Passage Only; Travelers Must Remain Inside Vehicle

**CAPE MAY, N.J.** Today, Cape May – Lewes Ferry officials announced a reduced operating schedule effective Monday, March 23, 2020. The limited schedule is intended to provide for essential travel, and also to allow guests sufficient time to arrive at their final destination before state curfews. The following is the two round trip schedule:

> Departing Cape May, NJ 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.

**Departing Lewes, DE** 10:45 a.m. 5:45 p.m.

"We are making these adjustments to maintain social distancing between our crews, while we strive to maintain service for our guests who need it. As this situation is rapidly evolving, further changes may be necessary," said Heath Gehrke, Director of Ferry Operations. "We want to again thank our customers in advance for their cooperation and understanding during these difficult times."

All foot passenger travel remains suspended. The consolidated operating schedule will also enable the continued flow of essential services between southern New Jersey and Delaware. This modified schedule will remain in effect until further notice

As a reminder, all food service operations remain closed inside the ferry terminals and on-board the vessel. Restrooms are open in the terminal prior to departures and on the vessels during the crossing. Passengers who may have accessibility concerns aboard the vessel are asked to use facilities inside the terminal prior to departure. During the trip, **passengers must remain inside their vehicles** for the duration of the crossing. Should a passenger need to use the restroom facility, please take the stairs to the second deck where they're located. Following use, we ask that passengers return to their vehicle.

Travelers who plan to use the Cape May - Lewes Ferry in the near future are urged to call the Cape May – Lewes Ferry Guest Services Center in advance at 800 64 FERRY (800.643.3779), visit us online at <u>www.cmlf.com</u> or like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @CMLFerry for the latest departure information.

## About the Cape May-Lewes Ferry

The Cape May – Lewes Ferry is owned and operated by the Delaware River and Bay Authority, a bi-state governmental agency created by Compact in 1962. The Ferry is open year-round and has carried more than 43 million passengers since its inception on July 1, 1964. In 2019, the ferry service, which connects Victorian Cape May, New Jersey, and historic Lewes, Delaware, transported approximately 275,000 vehicles and nearly 1 million passengers. For schedule, rates and other program information, please visit the ferry's website at www.CMLF.com, or call toll free, 800-643-3779. Like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @CMLFerry.