

We have been advised by Stagecoach of some changes to their bus services across Cumbria during the current health emergency.

This is due to fewer drivers being available, and also significant falls in bus usage.

A summary of the Monday to Friday changes in each District can be found from links at the top of the County Council's website page for bus services www.cumbria.gov.uk/buses

The links also appear for each District at top of their own timetable page (e.g. www.cumbria.gov.uk/buses/Allerdale)

This information will be updated and refreshed as extra information becomes available, including for Saturdays, Sundays and for other operators services

As the new timetables become available, they will be added to the website, but with the likely high volume of change, this may take some time.

The revised timetables will come into effect from next **Monday 23rd March**

Services are maintain to all areas. On routes with low frequencies existing timetables have been maintained, whilst more frequent services may run less often.

People in the Sandsfield Park, Edentown and Holme Head areas of Carlisle, and Castle area of Kendal will have a longer walk to their closest bus stop, whilst in other areas passengers may find their routes less direct, as buses only run one way around a loop, rather than in both directions

All the normal Summer timetable enhancements have been postponed until the end of the isolation period

Stagecoach are still working on the timetables for the following weekend. They expect the Saturday timetable to be similar to weekdays, but possibly with a later start.

I have added details of changes to other operators services where known. It is likely, especially in rural areas where a high volume of users are elderly and therefore following advice to not travel. that services will have to be suspended as they are no longer viable.

Depending on the length of the isolation period and how it effects use of services and availability of drivers, further changes may need to be put in place.