



ARDROSSAN PASSENGER ACCESS SYSTEM CLOSED

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The passenger access system (PAS) at Ardrossan harbour has been temporarily closed on 29 April until a regular annual inspection can be carried out.

The routine safety and maintenance inspection, which includes electrical testing and wire rope changes, requires multiple contractors to be on-site to work simultaneously, which cannot be undertaken with current lockdown and social distancing measures in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

CalMac is currently operating all ferry services on a significantly reduced timetable in line with lockdown measures and only essential travel is permitted. Only two services per day are operating between Ardrossan and Brodick, Arran. This means there is a vastly reduced volume of passenger and vehicle traffic on ferry services and CMAL and CalMac have assessed that the PAS is not critical at this time. The small number of foot passengers on services will be able to embark/disembark using the vehicle linkspan, following the supervision of CalMac staff.

CMAL's contractors will be ready to attend to the inspection as soon as this type of activity is permitted.