



Medical Priority Ferry Loading Request

Send this completed form to the following address at least two weeks before the requested date(s): Pierce County Ferry, 2702 S. 42nd St., Ste. 109, Tacoma, WA 98409.

When a vehicle occupant indicates through a physician that an extended wait to board the Pierce County ferry would cause detrimental health risks, that vehicle, with the occupants, **may** be allowed priority loading onto the ferry. This may be allowed when the affected person has provided this medical form signed by a physician indicating that such priority loading is advised.

Note:

1. *Medical appointments do **NOT** qualify.*
2. *Pierce County Ferry does not have medical facilities or trained medical practitioners on board any of its vessels.*
3. *Vehicle occupant must arrive at the ferry landing at least 20 minutes prior to the scheduled sailing time.*

For Physician

Patient Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date(s) requested for priority loading: _____

Make, color, and license number of vehicle: _____

Priority loading requested:

- To Anderson Island
 To Ketron Island

- From Anderson Island
 From Ketron Island

By signing below, physician attests that patient has a bona fide medical need for priority boarding on the date(s) indicated.

Physician signature and title _____ Date _____

Name & location of practice _____

Physician's phone # _____

For Ferry Administration

Approved subject to:

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Instructions for Use

1. If you know the date of your scheduled surgery or procedure that would make extended waiting in ferry lines detrimental to your health, have your physician fill out and sign this form. Return the original form to our office at least 2 weeks prior to your procedure. You may mail it to:
Pierce County Ferry
2702 S. 42nd St., Ste. 109
Tacoma, WA 98409
Or scan/email to PCFERRY@co.pierce.wa.us.
2. If you are unsure when you will be discharged from the hospital, please list your surgery/hospitalization date and have your doctor provide a range of dates on the form for traveling home (such as: Surgery on October 1, 2017; travel by October 15, 2017).
3. We will mail the approved form back to you prior to your procedure to let you know you've been approved for priority boarding.
4. Bring this County-approved form with you to show the ferry crew upon arrival.
5. If you are approved for priority boarding on your way to the island, please call the ferry terminal (253-588-1950) immediately after being discharged from the medical facility to alert staff: 1) that you have an approved priority boarding, 2) when you will be arriving, and 3) the ferry you intend to take. If you are approved for priority boarding departing the island on your way to a procedure, please call the terminal prior to leaving home.
6. On the Steilacoom side, park in the Ketron Island loading area (right-hand side at the bottom of the lanes); you will be loaded first on the next scheduled boat. From Anderson Island, park below lane 1; you will be loaded first on the next scheduled boat (please note that no special runs will be added to accommodate you).
7. This service is for Pierce County ferries only with service between Steilacoom and Anderson and Ketron islands.

If you have a true emergency, please call 911. Ambulances and medical transport vehicles are always loaded first.