

## Bath Bus Company Implements Social Distancing Measures on the A4 Air Decker Service.

Bath Bus Company has implemented new social distancing measures on the A4 Air Decker service in preparation for a rise in passenger numbers as lockdown restrictions in the UK ease and people return to work.

The new measures which have been put in place from the 1st June 2020 onwards include signs on seats to help advise passengers on where to sit, requests for passengers to wear face coverings and signage to remind people to be mindful of the 2 metre social distancing rule. All signage has been designed in-house by Bath Bus Company, and produced by Minuteman Press Bath- a local print company.

In addition to internal signage, screens to help protect our driving team have been installed on all driver's cabs, and the new reduced maximum capacity is displayed on the outside of the vehicles so that passengers are aware as the bus approaches. Should the bus reach its capacity and be unable to stop, destination messages have been created stating "Sorry Bus Full" so that passengers know to wait for the next bus. All buses are deep cleaned regularly, and drivers have access to disposable gloves, face masks and hand sanitiser.

Martin Curtis, MD at Bath Bus Company said:

*"Now that we are seeing a gradual rise in passenger numbers as the lockdown eases, we are monitoring our loadings closely. An extra Air Decker is in operation on journeys throughout the peak period, running alongside the registered service, to ensure passengers can reach their destination safely and cope with additional demand. We hope that these measures will instil confidence in the public to use public transport. We are working closely with local authorities to ensure that demand is met."*

