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## **West Midlands Railway issues travel advice as leisure industry restrictions ease**

As parts of the hospitality sector reopen this weekend, West Midlands Railway is reminding passengers that trains are for necessary journeys only.

Passengers who do have to travel are being urged to plan journeys carefully, avoid busy times and to wear a face covering. Late night travellers are advised not to rely on the last train home. The train company says all of these measures are essential to maintain social distancing.

Jonny Wiseman, customer experience director for West Midlands Railway, said:

“As a transport operator we play a key role in keeping the local economy moving and we’re pleased to see more of our businesses starting to open their doors to customers.

“We’re stepping up our timetable to help meet demand but while we continue to operate at reduced capacity due to social distancing, we’re asking passengers only to travel with us if their journey is necessary.

“If you do travel by train, remember it is now mandatory to wear a face covering while on board. You should also buy your ticket in advance and avoid potentially busy services, particularly the last train home.”

A new timetable comes into operation on West Midlands Railway services on Sunday (July 5). Passengers are urged to check their journeys in advance at [www.wmr.uk](http://www.wmr.uk) and follow @WestMidRailway on Twitter for live travel advice.

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West Midlands Trains operates both West Midlands Railway and London Northwestern Railway services.

- **London Northwestern Railway** services operate between Liverpool and Birmingham, and on the West Coast Main Line to and from London Euston.
- **West Midlands Railway** services operate to destinations across the West Midlands via Birmingham New Street and Birmingham Snow Hill.

For more information on these services visit [westmidlandsrailway.co.uk](http://westmidlandsrailway.co.uk) or [londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk](http://londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk)

The West Midlands Trains franchise started on 10 December 2017 and will run until 2025/26.

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