

# Greater spacing and split shifts as Bombardier Transportation UK start back at work today

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Staff are returning back to work at Bombardier Transportation UK's rolling stock production site in Derby after work was paused because of social distancing measures implemented by the Government.

Heavy maintenance at the company's Ilford site will also start today, and component refurbishment and overhaul in Crewe back underway tomorrow after nearly three weeks.

Work was stopped both because of social distancing measures and because the virus had affected production at many of the suppliers.

However, the company says from today it is introducing greater spacing, split shifts, additional safety requirements and washing facilities.

A statement from the company said: "Ramp up will be managed around supply chain recovery and listening to our people. We will adapt to any new social distancing advice, and review and revise working practices as necessary."

“We have said throughout this public health emergency that we must protect our people from COVID-19, follow all Government advice in tackling the virus, and ensure sustainable business continuity. We are confident that these new working practices strike the right balance.

“All staff who can work from home will continue to do so, and our services teams will continue to keep Britain’s trains moving for essential workers as they have done throughout.

“As Britain’s leading rail engineering business, we look forward to the full resumption of operations at the appropriate time.”

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