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London's Transport Commissioner Mike Brown has warned that the travel demand challenge being faced outstrips that during the 2012 Olympic games

By next Monday TfL is hoping to increase Tube and London Overground levels to at least 70 per cent and 80 per cent on the DLR and a full service on TfL Rail.

However, even when running at 100 per cent, TfL will only be able to carry around 13-15 per cent of the normal number of passengers due to the requirement to maintain 2 metres distance between passengers.

People travelling by public transport are being told face masks should be used.

Meanwhile the plans to get people back to offices and factories might be derailed according to an article in the Daily Mail that says trade unions have threatened strike action.

Unite general secretary Len McCluskey told staff to walk out if they do not feel safe, while rail union bosses warned they could disrupt public transport.

A Scottish technology firm has launched a monitoring tool that will help workers in sectors such as construction ensure they keep a safe distance from colleagues.

That's according to an article in The Herald about the wrist-worn Safedistance tool developed by Reactec.

It sounds an alert if someone wearing one moves within two metres of another person wearing one.

Finally, and Crossrail says it is working with its contractors to enable physical works at stations to get back up and running.

The work was paused in March due to the coronavirus pandemic, although despite the pause, essential and business and critical work has been continuing.

Several programme milestones have been achieved over the past month, including the handover of the first central section station, Custom House, to Transport for London.

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