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Britain's train companies have started increasing services today after the easing of coronavirus travel restrictions.

An article in the Guardian says services would be increased to about 50% to 70% of the standard timetable, but capacity is 10% of normal levels to enable physical distancing.

Sir Peter Hendy says rail stations could be closed if they become too full during rush hour.

That's according to an article in The Daily Telegraph, which features comments the chief executive of

Network Rail that he made on the BBC this morning.

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Meanwhile The Times says that extra police will be deployed at large railway stations to patrol the network and enforce social distancing.

Operators have been told to maintain the recommended 2-metre gap between passengers on trains and at stations. Many waiting rooms have been closed and some one-way systems in place.

Passengers are being urged to use cards to pay for tickets and recommended to wear face masks.

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Elsewhere and DB Cargo UK has secured a new three-year contract with Puma Energy.

It will involve the transportation of more than one million tonnes of fuel per annum.

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Finally, and LNER is celebrating a full year since the world-class Azuma train was launched into passenger service.

The occasion is being marked by people being invited to name one of its trains. It wants names which reflect the route, destinations, community heroes or rail icons, so no Trainy McTrainface.

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