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The Mayor of London is under growing pressure to provide personal protective equipment to transport staff after 14 infected workers died in the capital.

An article in The Times features comments from relatives of those who have died and the unions calling on staff to have access to face masks and gloves.

It comes as a third of Transport for London staff are off work because they are sick or self-isolating.

A spokeswoman for the mayor of London says they are working with the unions to do everything practically possible to protect transport staff and passengers, in line with current health advice.

British Transport Police, Northern and TransPennine Express have joined together to launch a campaign to remind people that it is not acceptable to use the railway for leisure activities this weekend.

As a result of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic the government has said only essential journeys should be made to help slow the spread of the disease.

The message is simple – stay at home and help to save lives.

Wabtec Rail has revealed it's signed a new contract with Angel Trains limited for a Class 158 C4 overhaul programme.

The contract is for a total of 40 two-car Class 158 Diesel Multiple Units.

Finally, and the rail infrastructure in the Guildford area will soon see its biggest investment in nearly 40 years.

Work to upgrade track and signalling is due to start tomorrow to provide more reliable journeys, including for passengers who travel between London Waterloo and Guildford.

The essential work will also enable the removal of two existing speed restrictions.

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