

Increase in Merseyrail services following further easing of lockdown restrictions

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Following the Government's announcement of the easing of lockdown restrictions last week, Merseyrail services will be increasing from Sunday 5 July.

These changes to the service are being put in place to support the expected increase in passenger numbers, as more people begin to make necessary journeys across the City Region.

A summary of the changes can be found below:

Monday to Saturday

- Southport line -services will return to running every 15 minutes throughout the day.
- Hunts Cross line -services will return to running every 15 minutes throughout the day.
- Kirkby line -a 30-minute service will run all day
- Ormskirk line -a 30-minute service will run all day
- Chester & Ellesmere Port lines-a 30-minute service will run on both lines with a 15-minute service running between Hooton and Liverpool city centre stations
- New Brighton line -a 30-minute service will run all day
- West Kirby line -a 30-minute service will run all day.

Sunday

- Southport line -a 15-minute service will run from start of service until 19:00, then every 30 minutes until end of service.
- Hunts Cross line -an hourly service will run all day
- Kirkby line -an hourly service will run all day
- Ormskirk line -an hourly service will run all day
- Chester & Ellesmere Port line -an hourly service will run all day on both lines with an additional hourly shuttle service between Ellesmere Port and Hooton stations which provides connections to and from Liverpool city centre.
- New Brighton line -a 45-minute service will run all day
- West Kirby line -a 45-minute service will run all day.

Full timetables and details can be found on the Merseyrail website, and passengers are encouraged to check before they travel. This can be done by visiting www.merseyrail.org, the Merseyrail Twitter account @merseyrail or by sending a message on WhatsApp on 0151 555 1111.

Merseyrail is doing everything possible to keep its passengers safe during their journey. Those needing to travel are reminded to:

- Wear a face covering as per Government guidance
- Use contactless payments where possible
- Travel at quieter times
- Wash or sanitise hands as soon as possible before and after travel
- Follow advice from staff and be considerate to other passengers
- Keep up to date with the latest official health advice.

Andy Heath, Managing Director at Merseyrail, said: “During this pandemic, our staff have worked hard to ensure that train services have continued to operate for those who need them, albeit at a reduced level.

“Following the Government’s announcement earlier this week, we are now in a position to increase our services in anticipation of increased numbers of passengers using our trains.

“I’d stress that the government guidance remains that public transport is to be used for necessary journeys only.

“I would also like to remind our passengers that –as per government guidance –they must wear a face covering on public transport for the safety of yourselves, fellow passengers and our staff.”

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