

TfL: passengers must still wear masks

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TfL has said it is keeping the requirement to wear masks after Plan B restrictions are dropped this Thursday.

The lowering of COVID-19 restrictions in England will mean the government will not be enforcing the use of face masks in busy public areas.

TfL says it will keep the measure in place, except for anyone who is considered exempt.

In recent days, the use of the Tube has increased. It saw 2 million trips, up 10% week-on-week; this is about half the number of prep-pandemic journeys.

Lilli Matson, TfL's chief safety, health and environment officer, said: "We're looking forward to welcoming many more people back to our network as they return to offices and workplaces across the capital. London's recovery from the pandemic hinges on transport and we are ready to play our role in moving people around the city, allowing them to reach work and leisure destinations and keeping people safe.

"Customers are still required to wear face coverings throughout their journeys on our services in order to keep each other and our staff safe, and to reassure Londoners that the network is as safe as possible.

We're operating a good planned service on our network and making sure that it's as clean as possible with staff ready to assist and offer advice where needed."