

West Midlands Railway expects some COVID-related cancellations this weekend

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West Midlands Railway has asked that people check their journeys before travelling this weekend, as they expect some service cancellations due to shortages of available traincrew.

The operator says it has experienced an increase in cases of COVID-19 among its staff in recent days. This comes on top of existing shortages caused by delays to driver training during the pandemic.

Some services are likely to be amended or cancelled on Saturday and Sunday, it said, with road replacement transport in operation. Services are also expected to be busy.

Jonny Wiseman, WMR customer experience director, said: "Passengers travelling on the trains this weekend should check their journeys before setting out for the station as some services will be subject to cancellation due to the impact of COVID-19.

"We will have extra staff out on the network to offer travel advice, and we will arrange road replacement transport where necessary. I would like to thank our passengers for their patience and understanding as we continue to feel the impact of the pandemic."

Football fans planning to use public transport to attend matches in the West Midlands this weekend are advised to leave extra time for their journeys due to the possibility of disruption.

Passengers are also being reminded that face coverings are now mandatory on public transport, unless exempt for medical reasons.

A new timetable is also coming into effect on Sunday 12 December, with passengers urged to check departure times.