



Freedom of Information request 962-20

Please can you advise how many fines have been issued since face masks/coverings have been mandatory in shops (24th July) and indoor locations (8th August).

Can you also detail the fine amount as well please.

RESPONSE

British Transport Police has been working with rail industry staff since face coverings became mandatory on public transport in England on 15th June 2020 to engage with passengers, explain the importance of preventing the spread of the Covid-19 virus and encouraging people to wear face coverings. Enforcement, in the form of fixed penalty notices, has only been used as a last resort. Between 30/06/2020 and 08/09/2020 inclusive, British Transport Police Officers have recorded a total of 50,729 interventions with passengers not wearing face coverings and issued 3545 directions to leave.

Between 24/07/2020 and 18/08/2020 British Transport Police has records of 12 FPNs issued for offences relating to wearing of face coverings in a shop or other relevant place under the Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place Regulations.

The amount of the fine is set by legislation.