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### LIRR To Begin Shutdown of Service At Noon On Saturday For Safety of Customers, Employees And To Protect Equipment and Infrastructure

#### *LIRR providing information on last trains to operate on Saturday prior to shutdown of LIRR*

MTA Long Island Rail Road announced today the plans for the systemwide shutdown of the Railroad beginning at noon on Saturday, August 27, in advance of Irene making landfall, for the safety of its customers, employees and to protect its equipment. Customers are urged not to wait for the last trains when making their travel plans.

Shutting down the system allows the LIRR to secure and protect its equipment and infrastructure from the hurricane force winds and flooding expected to hit the Island on Sunday, August 28. With the shutdown, train equipment – both electric and diesel – is being removed from yards in low-lying areas that are prone to flooding. Crossing gates systemwide will be removed or tied up and secured from the gale force winds. Taking these pre-emptive measures before the full brunt of the storm arrives will help in the LIRR's recovery efforts after the storm passes.

The following is a listing, by branch, of the last trains to operate before the shutdown.

#### **Babylon Branch:**

Eastbound: The 11:40 AM train from Penn Station, due Babylon at 12:56 PM.

Westbound: The 1:10 PM train from Babylon, due Penn Station at 2:12 PM.

#### **Montauk Branch:**

Montauk:

Eastbound: The 1:05 AM train from Jamaica, due Montauk at 3:57 AM.

Westbound: The 9:44 AM train from Montauk, due Babylon at 11:53 AM.

#### **Speonk/Patchogue:**

Eastbound: The 12:31 train from Babylon, due Speonk at 1:27 PM. (This train will make added stops at Bellport, Mastic-Shirley and Speonk, since it normally terminates at Patchogue.)

Westbound: The 12:05 PM train from Speonk, due Babylon at 1:05 PM.

#### **Ronkonkoma Branch:**

Ronkonkoma:

Eastbound: The 12:16 PM train from Penn Station, due Ronkonkoma at 1:35 PM.

Westbound: The 12:40 PM train from Ronkonkoma, due Penn Station at 1:59 PM.

#### **Greenport:**

Eastbound: Friday evening - The 6:53 PM train from Ronkonkoma, due Greenport at 8:17 PM.

Westbound: Saturday morning - The 10:11 AM train from Greenport, due Ronkonkoma at 11:35 AM.

#### **Port Jefferson Branch:**

Port Jefferson:

Eastbound: The 12:35 PM train from Huntington, due Port Jefferson at 1:26 PM.

Westbound: The 11:07 AM train from Port Jefferson, due Huntington at 11:53 AM.

**Huntington:**

Eastbound: The 12:23 PM train from Penn Station, due Huntington at 1:26 PM.

Westbound: The 1:00 PM train from Huntington, due Penn Station at 2:09 PM.

**Oyster Bay Branch:**

Eastbound: The 10:52 AM train from Jamaica, due Oyster Bay at 11:46 AM.

Westbound: The 10:39 AM train from Oyster Bay, due Jamaica at 11:33 AM.

**Hempstead Branch:**

Eastbound: The 12:42 PM train from Atlantic Terminal, due Hempstead at 1:35 PM.

Westbound: The 1:19 PM train from Hempstead, due Atlantic Terminal at 2:21 PM.

**Long Beach Branch:**

Eastbound: The 11:45 AM train from Penn Station, due Long Beach at 12:42 PM.

Westbound: The 12:26 PM train from Long Beach, due Penn Station at 1:21 PM.

Additionally, the seasonal train to Long Beach, the 10:22 AM from Penn Station, due Long Beach at 11:08 AM will not operate.

**Far Rockaway Branch:**

Eastbound: The 11:12 AM train from Atlantic Terminal, due Far Rockaway at 12:05 PM.

Westbound: The 12:50 PM train from Far Rockaway, due Atlantic Terminal at 1:42 PM.

**Port Washington Branch:**

Eastbound: The 12:19 PM train from Penn Station, due Port Washington at 1:05 PM.

Westbound: The 1:40 PM train from Port Washington, due Penn Station at 2:25 PM.

For customers looking for ferry service to Fire Island from Bay Shore and Sayville, as a result of the mandatory evacuation of Fire Island, ferries will only be operating to bring passengers back from Fire Island.

The LIRR will continue to monitor the storm closely and is in close contact with Nassau, Suffolk, New York City and New York State emergency officials.

The LIRR will provide Service Advisories around the clock, as required. Customers should monitor the MTA website, [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info), listen to the latest traffic reports and sign up for free E-Alerts for updates on LIRR service.

Customers can also contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center at 718-217-5477 (718-217-LIRR). If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider or the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 718-217-5477.