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### MTA Rush Hour Service Update

#### ***Metro-North to Operate 75% of Normal Rush Hour Service***

During this evening's rush hour, the New York City Subway and Long Island Rail Road will operate on normal schedules. New York City bus service will run at 85-90 percent capacity and some detours, delays and suspensions are possible on a route-by-route basis.

Metro-North Railroad, which carried about half of its normal rush hour ridership this morning, will operate 75% of its normal evening rush hour schedule today, across all lines, Hudson, Harlem and New Haven.

Some local and express trains will be combined and will make additional stops. Consolidated trains will depart from Grand Central at the later of the two times so no one will "just miss" the train to their station.

The trains to be combined were chosen to minimize customer impacts and to get everyone home within 10-15 minutes of their normal time. The schedule is available at [MTA.info](#).

Beginning at 9 p.m., Metro-North will go to hourly service for the remainder of the day. On Thursday morning, the railroad intends to operate a normal AM peak service.

Most of Metro-North's service territory is under a foot of snow and overnight temperatures are expected to be in the single digits. Because of the continued winter weather, the railroad may experience weather-related problems. Customers should check the [mta.info](#) website, listen for announcements at their stations, and sign up for email alerts.

As the rush hour winds down, New York City Transit will begin to store trains underground on express tracks to prevent them from being blocked in yards and exposed to harsh winter elements. As a result, express services on portions of some lines will be curtailed after rush hour. Subway customers should anticipate some weather-related delays, especially on the portions of subway lines that are outdoors.

All roadways and ramps are open and operating normally at MTA's seven bridges and two tunnels.

In winter storms, conditions can and do change at a moment's notice. The most up-to-date information on MTA service status is always available in the Service Status box at [mta.info](#). For immediate notice of service changes, sign up for email or text alerts at [mymtaalerts.com](#).