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### MTA Announces Services Details for Christmas and New Year's Holidays

#### *Lots of Extra LIRR & Metro-North Service Means MTA Is the Best Way to Get Around*

Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) trains and buses will operate on special schedules during the Christmas and New Year's Day holiday period to optimize service for the special holiday travel patterns. Details follow for each MTA service, organized by day. For additional details -- click here for [LIRR Christmas service](#), click here for [LIRR New Year's service](#) and click here for [Metro-North holiday service](#).

#### Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24

The New York City Subway and Staten Island Railway will operate on a regular weekday schedule.

Metro-North will be on a regular weekday schedule with 18 additional early getaway trains (10 on the New Haven Line, five on the Hudson Line and three on the Harlem Line) departing Grand Central Terminal between noon and 4:10 p.m. In addition to regular West of Hudson service, Metro-North will provide two early getaway trains.

The Long Island Rail Road will be on a regular weekday schedule with a total of 13 additional early getaway trains departing Penn Station between 12:43 p.m. and 3:48 p.m. on the Babylon, Far Rockaway, Port Jefferson, Port Washington and Ronkonkoma Branches.

New York City buses will operate on weekday schedules with minor timing changes, except on Staten Island, where limited-stop routes S81, S84, S86, S90, S91, S92, S94, S96 and S98 will not operate. Weekday local service will operate along those routes. Limited-stop routes S89 and S93 will operate on weekday schedules with minor timing changes. All Staten Island, Brooklyn and Queens "X" express routes will operate on weekday schedules with minor timing changes.

MTA Bridges and Tunnels will suspend all lane closures related to routine maintenance and temporary construction work starting at 1 p.m. Any extraordinary weather-critical work that must be accomplished over the holiday weekend would occur only during overnight hours when traffic is at its lightest.

#### Christmas Day, Friday, December 25

The New York City Subway will operate on a Sunday schedule, and New York City buses will operate on a holiday schedule. Bus customers can use [MTA Bus Time](#) for real-time bus arrival estimates.

The LIRR will operate on a holiday schedule. Metro-North will provide hourly service on all East of Hudson lines. A weekend schedule will be in effect for West of Hudson service.

The Staten Island Railway will operate on a Saturday schedule.

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#### New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31

The MTA is the best way for revelers to get to Times Square or other festivities on New Year's Eve, and to travel home afterwards. The MTA recommends that customers purchase their MetroCards or train tickets in advance.

Customers heading to Times Square for the celebration should avoid using the 42 St-Times Square subway complex, since they may not be allowed to exit onto the street. In addition, the northbound platform at 50 St **1** and both north and southbound platforms at 49 St **HQR** will be closed from 7 p.m. until shortly after midnight. Riders are urged to exit from stations at 50 St, 57 St or 59 St-Columbus Circle instead and walk to Times Square. Additional service will be provided on the **1 2 3 4 5 6 7 A C D E F L N Q R S** lines.

Buses are not recommended for traveling to Times Square because of the numerous street closures in the area. The following bus routes may be subject to reroutes: M5, M7, M20, M42, M50, and M104. Regular overnight bus service will resume as streets reopen after midnight. Following the celebration, trains on lines in and around Times Square will run every 8 to 12 minutes until approximately 3 a.m. The 42nd Street shuttle **S** will operate all night.

The Long Island Rail Road is adding 13 trains from Penn Station between 12:43 p.m. and 3:48 p.m. to accommodate an expected large number of customers leaving work early to begin their holiday weekend. Later that evening, the LIRR is adding 20 extra westbound trains to help revelers get to this year's New Year's Eve celebrations including concerts by Phish at Madison Square Garden and Jimmy Buffett at Barclays Center.

Metro-North will operate on a modified weekday schedule, with an extra getaway trains between noon and 4 p.m. And for those planning to party in Manhattan, there will be extra New York City-bound service for the late afternoon and evening.

New York City buses will operate on weekday schedules with minor timing changes, except for Staten Island, where limited stop routes S81, S84, S86, S90, S91, S92, S94, S96 and S98 will not operate. Weekday local service will operate along those routes. Limited stop routes S89 and S93 will operate on weekday schedules with minor timing changes. All Staten Island, Brooklyn and Queens "X" express routes will operate on weekday schedules with minor timing changes.

The New York City Subway and Staten Island Railway will operate on a regular weekday schedule.

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#### **New Year's Day, Friday, January 1**

To help revelers return from New Year's Eve events, the Long Island Rail Road is adding a total of 20 trains from Penn Station and Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn, during the early morning hours of New Year's Day. The trains depart between 12:35 a.m. and 4:19 a.m. on the Babylon, Long Beach, Montauk, Port Jefferson, Port Washington and Ronkonkoma Branches.

Metro-North will operate plenty of extra service from Grand Central after midnight to provide a safe ride home for everyone who has been busy ringing in the new year. Also after midnight, four extra trains will depart from Hoboken, two on the Port Jervis Line and two on the Pascack Valley Line.

The New York City Subway will operate on a Sunday schedule throughout the day, and New York City buses will operate on a Holiday schedule with longer waits on some bus routes. Bus customers can use [MTA Bus Time](#) for real-time bus arrival estimates.

The Staten Island Railway will operate on a Saturday schedule.

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