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### Let the MTA Help You Celebrate New Year's Eve 2020

As 2019 becomes 2020, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) will be the best way to get around with lots of service to and from New Year's Eve celebrations.

Traveling by train and bus is easier than ever thanks to the trip planning tools at [MTA.info](#) and the MYmta app, which have real time arrival countdowns so you don't have to spend long times waiting or wondering about the next arrival. The MTA's digital tools cover New York City subways and buses, the Long Island Rail Road, Metro-North Railroad, and connecting services.

To accommodate revelers, the MTA has added additional service before and after the stroke of midnight.

#### Getting to New Year's Eve Festivities

The subway is the best way to get to Times Square on New Year's Eve. Additional subway service will run in Midtown Manhattan, every eight to 12 minutes until 3 a.m. Several subway and bus service adjustments will take place due to crowding and celebration-related street closures. No trains will stop at 49 St **N Q R W** station until 12:10 a.m.; uptown **1** trains will skip the 50 St station until 12:10 a.m.; and buses in midtown will be subject to reroutes and heavy congestion. A list of the subway stations and bus lines serving the Times Square area is available at this link: <https://new.mta.info/new-years-eve-2019>

Whether you're going to the famous Times Square ball drop or any celebrations anywhere in town, the LIRR will operate 92 trains arriving at Penn Station and Atlantic Terminal between 4 p.m. and 10 p.m., including 21 extra trains for New Year's Eve. Metro-North Railroad will operate 73 trains arriving at Grand Central Terminal between 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. – 27 each on the Harlem Line and New Haven Line, and 19 on the Hudson Line. For schedule details, visit [MTA.info](#) or use the MYmta app.

#### Returning Home in 2020

After the ball drops no one will need to worry about making the last train home, because there will be lots of service all night long.

After midnight, the LIRR will operate 37 trains departing Penn Station and 8 departing Atlantic Terminal through 5:30 a.m., and Metro-North Railroad will keep Grand Central Terminal open all night long to operate 48 trains departing Grand Central Terminal.

For Metro-North's customers west of the Hudson River, the Pascack Valley Line and Port Jervis Line each have two departures after midnight.

On the Port Jervis Line, the 12:40 a.m. departure from Hoboken is changed to depart Hoboken at 1:27 a.m.; a connecting train departs Penn Station at 1:22 a.m.; a special second train departs Hoboken at 2:50 a.m.

On the Pascack Valley Line, the 12:45 a.m. departure from Hoboken is changed to depart Hoboken at 1:24 a.m.; a connecting train departs Penn Station at 1:19 a.m. a second train departs Hoboken at 3:45 a.m., with a connecting train departing Penn Station at 3:30 a.m.

On New Year's Day, subways and buses will run on a Sunday schedule, and Staten Island Railway will run on a Saturday schedule. The LIRR and Metro-North Railroad's West-of-Hudson service will operate on a weekend/holiday schedules. Metro-North's East of Hudson service will operate hourly service on most line segments, and regular weekend service on branch lines.

#### Many Channels for Service Updates

Information about the planned schedule change noted in this press release, and all planned service changes, is available through the MTA's real-time service information sources.

**MYmta app** – Customers who use the new, comprehensive MYmta app or [MTA.info](#) homepage will see real-time travel information for all MTA services all in one place, with push notifications when service is not operating normally.

**Email and text message service updates** – Customers are urged to sign up to receive the alerts by visiting [MyMTAAAlerts.com](#). To avoid unwanted messages, a user can tailor the messages to the specific branch, and the specific times of day.

**Twitter** – Twitter users can follow @MTA, @NYCTSubway, @NYCTBus, @LIRR and @MetroNorth to receive updates of a similar nature to the email and text alerts, shortened to fit Twitter's format.

The above communications channels can be accessed while at home or on the go. For customers who are located at stations, the MTA will post the latest service updates on **digital signs** at station platforms and will make **audio announcements** over public address systems, and **on-board announcements** made by train crews.

For those who prefer the **telephone**, information is available from the Metro-North's Customer Service Center by calling 511, the New York State Travel Information Line. For customers calling from Connecticut, the number is: 877-690-5114. Those who are deaf or hard of hearing can use their preferred service provider for the free 711 relay to reach the MTA at 511.