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PHOTOS: Top MTA Officials Hand Out Free Pink Masks to Customers to Raise Awareness of Breast Cancer Awareness Month

On Tuesday, Oct. 20, the MTA's Mask Force, comprised of volunteers from MTA leadership, employees, elected officials and advocacy groups, traveled throughout the MTA service region handing out free pink masks to customers. The masks were also given to employees at New York City Transit subways and buses, Long Island Rail Road, Metro-North Railroad and MTA Bridges and Tunnels.

[See photos of the Mask Force here.](#)

[See video of the Mask Force here.](#)

Photos and video by Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Photographer credits shown in online captions.

Mask compliance across the MTA network is very high, above 95%. The MTA has equipped buses with [mask dispensers](#), installed [vending machines that sell personal protective equipment](#), and launched new capacity tracking app features to report in real-time how many passengers are [on a bus](#) or [LIRR train car](#). Train cars and buses are disinfected at least daily, and stations are disinfected at least two times per day.

Since March, the MTA has handed out six million surgical masks to customers and 4.4 million masks to employees.

Photos include:

- MTA Chairman and CEO Patrick J. Foye at Jamaica LIRR Station, QUEENS
- Long Island Rail Road President Phil Engat Hicksville LIRR Station, NASSAU COUNTY
- Metro-North Railroad President Catherine Rinaldi at Marble Hill Metro-North Railroad Station, MANHATTAN
- Craig Cipriano, President of the MTA Bus Company and Senior Vice President of New York City Transit Department of Buses at Williamsburg Bridge Plaza, BROOKLYN

NYC Transit Interim President Sarah Feinberg at Bowling Green Subway Station, MANHATTAN