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## Metro-North to Cut Train Schedule to Hourly on New Haven Line, New Canaan Branch Starting Monday

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Starting Monday, April 13, Metro-North will operate on an hourly schedule on the Hudson, Harlem and New Haven Lines on both weekdays and weekends.

## <u>— an announcement from Metro-North</u>

The new, temporary schedule is in response to a reduction in ridership of more than 95 percent as customers in the region have honored stay-at-home orders as a precaution against COVID-19.

We would like to remind customers that trains are running for healthcare workers, first responders and essential personnel only. If you don't absolutely need to be traveling, please stay home. [...]

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Trains will operate hourly on the New Canaan Branch and every three hours on the Danbury and Waterbury Branches daily.

The new schedule is accessible <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>.

If you must travel, customers should be aware of the following additional changes that were made to our operations to accommodate COVID-19 precautions:

## -All ticket offices are temporarily closed.

—Cash is temporarily no longer accepted for ticket purchases on board Metro-North trains. We encourage our customers to use <u>MTA eTix</u> on your smartphone, which is the easiest (and safest) way to purchase train tickets. Customers can also use credit or debits cards on board, or can also purchase tickets with cash at our Ticket Vending Machines located at our stations.

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