

MTA Sponsors Q&A With Workers

SUMMARY OF FOYE'S KEY POINTS

- ✓ No Plans for Layoffs
- ✓ No Plans to Shut Down Service
- ✓ Current Work Schedules Continue

MTA Chairman Pat Foye, with other MTA officers, made a presentation on  today, March 19, 2020, and took selected questions from transit workers and other MTA employees. For those who did not have the opportunity to see the Q&A presentation, here are some of the MTA's responses to the questions:

- MTA has opened a new \$1 billion line of credit to make up for a shortfall in farebox and toll revenue. The MTA has asked Congress for \$4 billion in federal funding to respond to the pandemic.
- If you are quarantined on the orders of your doctor or a supervisor, you will not be charged for the 14 days of quarantine. If health issues continue, report this to HR and you may be able to use sick time.
- 100 schools will be opened around the city from 7:30 AM to 6 PM for the children of essential employees. The **MTA is working to coordinate this and more information will be posted by the agency March 19, 2020.**
- Foye said the MTA has intensified cleaning protocols throughout the system.
 - ✓ All stations are being disinfected twice a day and every piece of rolling stock on at least a 72 hour rotation.
 - ✓ Office work areas are being disinfected every day.
 - ✓ If you think there is an issue in your work area, contact your supervisor or maintenance.
 - ✓ Hand sanitizer is available at all locations.
 - ✓ Employees are encouraged to follow safety guidelines, including not touching your face after being out and using social distancing.

- If you have had contact with a coworker showing symptoms, you should talk to your supervisor. 80% of the cases are mild. If a family member is sick, stay home and contact your doctor and the MTA hotline for advice.
- The MTA will not be providing testing for the virus. You should talk to your doctor or call the New York State number to determine if you qualify for drive-through testing. That number is 1-888-364-3065.
- If workers experience symptoms of the virus, they should call their doctor, and follow their advice. Call the MTA's hotline at 646-252-1010 with questions.
- Masks and gloves will only be provided by the MTA if they are part of your regular PPE. If they are not part of your regular PPE, you can obtain them at your own expense and wear them at your option.
- Make sure that your supervisor has your latest contact information, and report any travel plans to your supervisor so we can evaluate where you are traveling to protect against infection.
- There is no prospect of a shelter in place order. But if there is such an order, transit employees will get a letter allowing them to travel. That letter and your ID will allow you to get to work.

Gov. Cuomo on his live daily newscast March 19, 2020, said the following about transit:

"The MTA will continue running. They're an essential service." He said government still has to function - policing the streets, collecting garbage, fighting fires and transporting healthcare workers, first responders, and residents making essential trips to the pharmacy and supermarkets.

On lost revenue due to a drastic reduction in ridership, he said: "We'll have to make do."



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