

Metra to operate modified schedule Wednesday, Jan. 30 due to extreme cold

CHICAGO (Jan. 28, 2019) – Due to the extreme cold weather forecast for the Chicago region this week, Metra will operate a modified schedule on Wednesday, Jan. 30.

Modified schedules for each Metra line will be posted on Metra's website, *metrarail.com*, on Monday evening. The schedules are designed to provide adequate service for the predicted ridership. The schedules will also reduce the use of mechanical equipment and the number of moves through switch points on the railroad, thereby minimizing opportunities for service disruptions.

Riders are also advised that travel times will increase due to speed restrictions that reduce maximum speeds for Metra trains to 60 mph when the temperatures drop lower than 10 below zero.

Thursday's schedule is yet to be determined, but riders will be notified as soon as the decision is made.

Metra's intent with this modified schedule is to preserve the safety of our passengers during this extreme weather event. Extra personnel will be deployed throughout the event to address mechanical and track issues.

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About Metra

Metra is one of the largest and most complex commuter rail systems in North America, serving Cook, DuPage, Will, Lake, Kane and McHenry counties in northeastern Illinois. The agency provides service to and from downtown Chicago with 241 stations over 11 routes totaling nearly 500 route miles and approximately 1,200 miles of track. Metra operates nearly 700 trains and provides nearly 300,000 passenger trips each weekday.

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