

PRESS COMMUNIQUE



Following the press conference held on 17th December 2019 at MEL Office in Ebene, Metro Express Ltd (MEL) wishes to bring to the attention of the media and the public at large of the following information:

1. The operations for Free Passenger Service will start as from **22 December 2019 at 11:00 hours** for the general public.
2. This Free Passenger Service will be for a period of **15 days, from 22 December 2019 to 05 Jan 2020**. The operating hours as from **23 December 2019** will be **from 07:00 to 19: 00 hours**.
3. For proper crowd management and access control at all of our stations, MEL has come up with a free ticket distribution at **15 key locations** (5 Municipal Councils, 7 District Councils and 3 MEL Stations) around the island, from 09:00 hours to 16:00 hours on weekdays and 09:00 hours to 12:00 hours on Saturdays.
4. The 15 distribution points are as follows (Weekdays: 09:00 - 16:00; Saturday: 09:00 - 12:00):

| Municipal Councils (5) | District Councils (7) | Metro Stations (3) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Port Louis• Beau-Bassin/Rose-Hill,• Quatre-Bornes,• Vacoas/Phoenix, and• Curepipe | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pamplemousses,• Rivière du Rempart,• Moka, Flacq,• Grand-Port,• Savanne, and• Black River | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rose Hill• Beau Bassin• Victoria, Port Louis |

5. This free ticket distribution will start as from Wednesday 18 December 2019 as from 09:00 hours at all 15 distribution points. Availability of tickets will be on a first come first served basis.
6. Tickets will be distributed for 5 days duration at one time.
7. Issue of ticket will be made based on information like Date/Direction of Travel and Batch Number (Time of Travel)
8. One ticket is for one leg travel (in one direction). People may ask for a return ticket on the same day.
9. A maximum of 2 tickets (for one direction) will be issued per person at any distribution point.
10. Only passengers holding a free ticket will be allowed to travel on the specific dates and times mentioned on their respective tickets.

The above strategy has been devised in such a way that it gives opportunity to everyone across the island to benefit fairly from the Free Passenger Service.

Thank you.

MEL Management
Ebène
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