

Metro pares operation time, focuses on safety

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The Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL), which suspended its services on March 22 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, will resume its operations from September 7.

The metro will be operational from 8 am to 8 pm to start with and will be extended later, according to the new guidelines CMRL issued in line with the Unlock 4 order of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.

The Blue line metro which connects Chennai airport to Washermanpet will resume services on September 7 Monday while the Green line which connects Dr MG Ramachandran Central Metro to St Thomas Mount will recommence operations on September 9. The trains will run with a gap of five minutes during the peak hours (8.30 am to 10.30 am and 5 pm to 8 pm) and with a gap of 10 minutes during the



TIMING:

From 8 am to 8 pm
(to be extended later)

SOCIAL DISTANCING:

6 ft on (On platforms and in trains)

BLUE LINE: From Sept. 7 | **GREEN LINE:** From Sept. 9

FREQUENCY:

In every 5 minutes
(between 8.30-10.30 am, 5 -8 pm)

- Smart cards will be issued/recharged
- Contact-less QR code mobile ticketing
- Single journey tokens on need basis

non-peak hours.

Passengers are advised to maintain a social distancing and are advised maintain a distance of six ft while waiting on platform and travelling in train. Markings like "X" have been made available on alternate seats both in trains and platforms so that passengers can sit on alternate seats.

Smart cards will be issued/recharged at ticket counters at Metro stations. Contact-less

QR code mobile ticketing is also available to passengers. Travel card reader machines shall be installed at all 32 metro stations to avoid crowding for recharge and extension of validity of smart cards. Cashless transactions are encouraged while single journey tokens will be discouraged. However passengers will be issued them on need basis and the tokens will be regularly sanitised.