

Notice concerning train timetable changes on March 13, 2021

Train passengers have been decreasing due to the spread of COVID-19. JR Hokkaido will change train timetable based on demand to continue railway business.

1. Some limited express trains will be cancelled during the off-season. (Subject to change)

○Ltd. Exp. Hokuto (Sapporo-Hakodate)

- Ltd. Exp. Hokuto No. 5, 14: Cancelled on Wednesdays and Thursdays in April, October and November (Except April 29)
- Ltd. Exp. Hokuto No. 23, 24: No operation from March 13

*You will not be able to transfer to "Hayate No. 100" bound for Shin-Aomori from the Ltd. Exp. Hokuto No. 22 at Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto Station.

○Ltd. Exp. Kamui (Sapporo-Asahikawa)

- Ltd. Exp. Kamui No. 9, 28, 29, 42: Cancelled from Mondays to Fridays between April 2021 and March 2022

○Ltd. Exp. Taisetsu (Asahikawa-Abashiri)

- Ltd. Exp. Taisetsu No. 1, 2, 3, 4: Cancelled on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in April, May, October and November (Except April 29-May 5)

○Ltd. Exp. Sarobetsu (Asahikawa-Wakkanai)

- Ltd. Exp. Sarobetsu No. 3, 4: Cancelled on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in April, May, October and November (Except April 29-May 5)

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| April | Cancelled on Wed and Thu (Except the 29 th) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancelled from Mon to Fri • Operated on Sat, Sun, national holidays, Obon holidays, the year-end and New Year holidays | Cancelled on Tue, Wed and Thu (Except April 29-May 5) | | |
| May | Daily service | | | Daily service | |
| June | | | | | |
| July | | | | | |
| August | | | | | |
| September | | | | | |
| October | Cancelled on Wed and Thu | | | Cancelled on Tue, Wed and Thu | |
| November | | | | | |
| December | Daily service | | | Daily service | |
| January | | | | | |
| February | | | | | |
| March | | | | | |

2. Some Rapid Airport trains will be cancelled on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays.

○Rapid Airport (Sapporo-New Chitose Airport)

- Rapid Airport No. 70, 81, 88, 97, 202, 211: Cancelled on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays from March 13

3. Travel time will be shortened.

○Hokkaido Shinkansen “Hayabusa”

- The fastest travel time of three “Hayabusa” trains connecting Tokyo and Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto will be 3 hours 57 minutes, which is one minute shorter than now.

○New operation of the H100 series diesel electric car with motors

- Cars for some trains on the Muroran Line (Tomakomai~Muroran, Higashi-Muroran~Oshamambe), the Soya Line (Asahikawa~Nayoro) and the Sekihoku Line (Asahikawa~Kamikawa) will change to the H100 series and travel time will be 7-31 minutes shorter than now.

*The train doors of the H100 series car don't open automatically. Passengers need to push the button to open and close the door when getting on or off the train.

4. Stations with less passengers will be abolished.

Ino, Minami-Pippu, Kita-Pippu, Higashi-Rokusen, Kita-Kembuchi, Shimo-Shibetsu, Hokusei, Minami-Bifuka, Momponai, Toyoshimizu, Yasuushi, Kami-Horonobe, Tokumitsu, Kita-Hinode, Shogunzan, Toun, Ikuno, Minami-Shari

The service of Hidaka Line between Mukawa and Samani will end on March 31, 2021.

There are also other trains that change operating time etc. except for the above. Timetable can be searched on our website. Please check the latest information before taking the train.