

2023 | EXTENDED HOLIDAY HOURS SCHEDULE



The Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) coordinates an Extended Holidays Hours Program that allows alcohol licensed venues to sell and serve alcohol until 4:00 a.m. and operate 24-hours a day on select days in conjunction with eligible District Government and federal holidays. Details and applications are available at abra.dc.gov/publication/extended-holiday-hours-calendar. FAQs are on the reverse.

HOLIDAY	DATE OF HOLIDAY	DURATION <i>(Runs the evening of the first date through 4:00 a.m. on the last date)</i>	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
New Year's Day Weekend ¹	Monday, January 2 <i>(Observed)</i>	Friday, December 30 - Monday, January 2	Friday, December 2
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Weekend	Monday, January 16	Friday, January 13 - Monday, January 16	Friday, December 16
President's Day Weekend	Monday, February 20	Friday, February 17 - Monday, February 20	Friday, January 20
DC Emancipation Day Weekend ²	Monday, April 17 <i>(Observed)</i>	Friday, April 14 - Monday, April 17	Friday, March 17
Memorial Day Weekend	Monday, May 29	Friday, May 26 - Monday, May 29	Friday, April 28
Juneteenth	Monday, June 19	Sunday, June 18 - Monday, June 19	Friday, May 19
Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4	Monday, July 3 - Tuesday, July 4	Friday, June 2
Labor Day Weekend	Monday, September 4	Friday, September 1 - Monday, September 4	Friday, August 11
Indigenous Peoples' Day Weekend	Monday, October 9	Friday, October 6 - Monday, October 9	Friday, September 8
Veterans Day Weekend ³	Friday, November 10 <i>(Observed)</i>	Thursday, November 9 - Sunday, November 12	Friday, October 13
Thanksgiving Day Weekend	Thursday, November 23	Wednesday, November 22 - Sunday, November 26	Friday, October 20
Christmas Day Weekend	Monday, December 25	Friday, December 22 - Monday, December 25	Friday, November 24
New Year's Day Weekend	Monday, January 1	Friday, December 29 - Monday, January 1	Friday, December 1

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Hours for alcohol service are automatically extended during daylight savings changes. Registration is not required.

Spring | Sunday, March 12. Any licensee that normally ends alcohol service at 3:00 a.m. is eligible to operate until 4:00 a.m.

Autumn | Sunday, November 5. Any licensee that normally ends alcohol service at 2:00 a.m. will automatically gain an additional hour.

¹ The legal public holiday for New Year's Day is Sunday, January 1. Since the holiday is on a Sunday, it is also a legal public holiday on Monday, January 2.

² The legal public holiday for Emancipation Day is Sunday, April 16. Since the holiday is on a Sunday, it is also a legal public holiday on Monday, April 17.

³ The legal public holiday for Veterans Day is Saturday, November 11. Since the holiday is on a Saturday, it is also a legal public holiday on Friday, November 10.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Question (Q) Who can participate?

Answer (A) Eligible licensees include on-premises retailers including restaurants, taverns, nightclubs, hotels, and multipurpose facilities, and manufacturers with an on-site sales and consumption permit. Temporary licensees are also eligible. Settlement Agreements, Mayor's Orders, and Board Orders may restrict eligibility.

Q. When do extended hours start and end?

A. Extended hours start the evening of the first day listed in the "duration" section. All alcohol sales must cease by 4:00 a.m. on the last day listed in the "duration" section.

Q. Does the two (2)-hour kitchen requirement for restaurants still apply?

A. Yes. Restaurants serving alcohol until 4:00 a.m. are required to serve food until 2:00 a.m.

Q. Do the hours of my entertainment endorsement get extended?

A. No. You will need to file a One-Day Substantial Change Application for ABC Board consideration.

Q. How do I apply?

A. You must submit an Extended Holiday Hours Program registration application.

Q. What is the registration deadline?

A. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. You must submit your completed materials at least 30-days before the first holiday you would like to extend your hours.

Q. Do I need to register for hour changes related to daylight savings?

A. No.

Q. Is there a fee?

A. There is no fee to participate.

Q. How long does registration last?

A. Registration is valid indefinitely unless restricted by Mayor's Order, Settlement Agreement, or Board Order.

Q. How do I find out what establishments have been approved for extended hours?

A. A roster is published on ABRA's website prior to each eligible holiday.