

EXTENDED HOLIDAY HOURS PROGRAM 2020 SCHEDULE



The Extended Holiday Hours Program allows eligible Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC)-licensed restaurants, taverns, nightclubs, hotels, and multipurpose facilities, and manufacturers that hold an on-site sales and consumption permit to sell and serve alcohol until 4:00 a.m. and operate 24 hours a day on select District or Federal holidays.

Details and registration form available at abra.dc.gov/page/abc-extended-holiday-hours. FAQs on reverse side of this document.

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	Wednesday, January 1	Tuesday, December 31 - Wednesday, January 1	Monday, December 2
Martin Luther King Day Weekend	Monday, January 20	Friday, January 17 - Monday, January 20	Monday, December 23
Washington's Birthday Weekend	Monday, February 17	Friday, February 14 - Monday, February 17	Monday, January 20
DC Emancipation Day	Thursday, April 16	Wednesday, April 15 - Thursday, April 16	Tuesday, March 17
Memorial Day Weekend	Monday, May 25	Friday, May 22 - Monday, May 25	Monday, April 27
Independence Day Weekend ¹	Saturday, July 4	Thursday, July 2 - Sunday, July 5	Thursday, June 4
Labor Day Weekend	Monday, September 7	Friday, September 4 - Monday, September 7	Monday, August 10
Columbus Day Weekend	Monday, October 12	Friday, October 9 - Monday, October 12	Monday, September 14
Veterans Day	Wednesday, November 11	Tuesday, November 10 - Wednesday, November 11	Monday, October 12
Thanksgiving Day Weekend	Thursday, November 26	Wednesday, November 25 - Sunday, November 29	Tuesday, October 27
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25	Thursday, December 24 - Friday, December 25	Wednesday, November 25

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Hours of alcoholic beverage service are automatically extended for licensees during daylight savings changes. Registration in the Extended Holiday Hours Program is NOT required to participate.

Spring | Sunday, March 8. Any licensee that normally ends alcohol service at 3:00 a.m. is eligible to operate until 4:00 a.m. to compensate for the loss of one hour.

Autumn | Sunday, November 1. Any licensee that normally ends alcohol service at 2:00 a.m. will automatically gain an additional hour to conduct business.

Note: Licensees that have a Settlement Agreement or an ABC Board order limiting hours of operation are prohibited from participating.

¹ The legal public holiday for Independence Day is Saturday, July 4. Since the holiday is on a Saturday, it is also a legal public holiday on Friday, July 3.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can participate?

On-premises licensees that do not have a Settlement Agreement or an ABC Board Order restricting closing hours are eligible to apply. Liquor, grocery and convenience stores are ineligible.

How many days of extended hours are there?

There are 26 extended hour days surrounding District and Federal holidays in 2020. Each are detailed on the reverse side of this document.

When do extended hours start and end?

Extended hours start the evening of the first day listed in the “duration” section of the calendar. All alcoholic beverage sales must cease by 4:00 a.m. on the last day listed in the “duration” section of the calendar.

How do I enroll?

Licensees must submit a notification form and public safety plan to the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) at least 30 days before the first holiday they would like to extend their hours. Licensees do not need to register for hour changes related to daylight savings. There is no fee to enroll.

How long does registration last?

Once a licensee is registered and approved for participation in the program, the registration will be valid for the remainder of the calendar year and each year thereafter unless otherwise restricted by the Board.

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

ABRA publishes a spreadsheet and interactive map on its website approximately two weeks prior to each eligible holiday date detailing the establishments that have been approved to participate in the program. It is the discretion of each establishment on which holiday(s), if any, they extend their hours of operation.

How do later hours affect the community?

ABRA investigators work seven days per week until 4 am and routinely monitor establishments for compliance with District law. They ensure that only registered establishments are operating during the later hours. The agency also works alongside the Metropolitan Police Department to ensure safety.

Who do I reach out to with questions?

Contact ABRA via email at abra@dc.gov or by calling (202) 442-4423. Additional information is available online 24/7 at abra.dc.gov.