

# *Southern Currents*



## Notice to the Area Port of New Orleans Trade Community

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### **SUBJECT: 2024 Federal Holidays for the Area Port of New Orleans**

The Area Port Director's office and associated staff, along with the Entry, FP&F, Vessel Repair, and Import Specialist Units will be closed on the days listed below in observance of the respective federal holidays:

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| ➤ New Year's Day                          | Monday, January 1, 2024      |
| ➤ Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.     | Monday, January 15, 2024     |
| ➤ Washington's Birthday (President's Day) | Monday, February 19, 2024    |
| ➤ Memorial Day                            | Monday, May 27, 2024         |
| ➤ Juneteenth National Independence Day    | Wednesday, June 19, 2024     |
| ➤ Independence Day                        | Thursday, July 4, 2024       |
| ➤ Labor Day                               | Monday, September 2, 2024    |
| ➤ Columbus Day                            | Monday, October 14, 2024     |
| ➤ Veteran's Day                           | Monday, November 11, 2024    |
| ➤ Thanksgiving Day                        | Thursday, November 28, 2024  |
| ➤ Christmas Day                           | Wednesday, December 25, 2024 |
| ➤ New Year's Day 2025                     | Wednesday, January 1, 2025   |

**Mardi Gras Day, Tuesday, February 13, 2024, is not a federal holiday.** Regular hours will be observed at all locations except the Centralized Examination Station [CES] which will be closed due to parade traffic. If the Container Terminals are open, CBP will be on site to staff the Radiation Portal Monitors [RPMs]. Additional information on the Port Operations including the Marine Division and Vessel Entrance and Clearance System [VECS] transactions for the two weekends before Mardi Gras, and on Mardi Gras Day, will be disseminated via a separate Southern Currents.

## **Airport and Seaport Operations:**

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Port of New Orleans Airport and Seaport passenger processing and vessel boarding operations observe regular hours on federal holidays.
- **The Marine Division, to include Vessel Entrance and Clearance System [VECS] transactions, are CLOSED on Federal Holidays. Emergency vessel entrance and clearance transactions on Federal Holidays should be coordinated with the Duty Watch Commander by contacting the Operations Desk.**
- The Centralized Examination Station (CES) is closed on federal holidays.
- The Radiation Portal Monitors (RPMs) follow the Terminal Operator's schedule on federal holidays. If the terminal is open, CBP staffs the RPMs. If the terminal is closed, CBP does not staff the RPMs.

## **Outlying CBP Ports of Entry:**

- The Port of Morgan City observes regular hours on federal holidays.
- The Ports of Baton Rouge, Lake Charles and Shreveport are open for specific services via appointment on federal holidays. Requests for services on a federal holiday should be made by contacting the port office on the business day preceding the federal holiday.
- The Port of Gramercy is closed on federal holidays. Requests for services should be directed to the Port of New Orleans Operations Desk.

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