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All Post Offices Open on Christmas Eve *But Most Closing at Noon*

WASHINGTON — All Post Offices nationwide will be open Christmas Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 24, but most will shorten retail lobby hours and close at noon. Regular mail delivery for Dec. 24 will be unaffected by the change.

Revised hours will be posted at each Post Office and commercial customers are asked to check with their Bulk Mail Acceptance Unit for Dec. 24 hours of operation. Customers may call 1-800-ASK-USPS for information about specific Post Offices. In addition, mail should be deposited into blue collection mailboxes by noon for early pick-up on Dec. 24. Customers requiring postal services later that day are encouraged to contact their local postmaster.

Post Offices will be closed Thursday, Dec. 25. Express Mail only will be delivered on Christmas Day. All Post Offices will be open and regular mail delivery will resume Friday, Dec. 26.

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An independent federal agency, the U.S. Postal Service is the only delivery service that reaches every address in the nation,

146 million homes and businesses, six days a week. It has nearly 36,000 retail locations and relies on the sale of postage, products and services, not tax dollars, to pay for operating expenses. The Postal Service has annual revenue of \$75 billion and delivers nearly half the world's mail.