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Maine Statehood Stamp Dedication Ceremony Postponed

Stamp will still be available for purchase starting Sunday, March 15

The U.S. Postal Service dedication of the Maine Statehood Forever stamp, scheduled for March 15, 2020, will be delayed due to the postponement of the host event, the Maine Statehood Day Ceremony in Augusta, ME. The Maine Statehood Forever stamp will still be available for purchase starting Sunday, March 15.

The Maine Bicentennial Commission noted that it would reschedule the Statehood celebration for a date when everyone can safely come together to join in observing 200 years of Maine statehood.

The Postal Service will schedule a special dedication for the Maine Statehood Forever stamp at a later date that will likely coincide with the Statehood Day ceremony as planned.

Customers may still purchase the stamps starting Sunday, March 15 through The Postal Store at usps.com/shopstamps, by calling 800-STAMP24 (800-782-6724), by mail through [USA Philatelic](https://usa.philatelic) and at Post Office locations nationwide starting Monday, March 16.

How to Order the First-Day-of-Issue Postmark: Customers have 120 days to obtain the first-day-of-issue postmark by mail. They may purchase new stamps at their local Post Office or at The Postal Store website at usps.com/shop. They must affix the stamps to envelopes of their choice, address the envelopes (to themselves or others), and place them in a larger envelope addressed to:

FDOI – Maine Statehood Stamp
USPS Stamp Fulfillment Services
8300 NE Underground Drive, Suite 300
Kansas City, MO 64144-9900

After applying the first-day-of-issue postmark, the Postal Service will return the envelopes through the mail. There is no charge for the postmark up to a quantity of 50. There is a 5-cent charge for each additional postmark over 50. All orders must be postmarked by July 15, 2020.

How to Order First-Day Covers: The Postal Service also offers first-day covers for new stamp issues and Postal Service stationery items postmarked with the official first-day-of-issue cancellation. Each item has an individual catalog number and is offered in the USA Philatelic catalog and online at usps.com/shop. Customers may register to receive a free USA Philatelic catalog online at usps.com/philatelic. First Day of Issue cancellations will be available

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