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VICE PRESIDENTS, AREA RETAIL AND DELIVERY OPERATIONS VICE PRESIDENTS, REGIONAL PROCESSING OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: Operations Policy for the Veterans Day Holiday, Monday, November 11, 2024

This memorandum provides general operating policy and holiday planning guidance for the upcoming 2024 Veterans Day Holiday (observed on Monday, November 11, 2024). Service levels for this holiday are displayed in Exhibit 125.22 of the *Postal Operations Manual* (POM).

Veterans Day is a non-widely observed holiday, which means that many businesses are open and producing outgoing mail. District Managers will coordinate with plant partners and perform full collections if cancellations are scheduled. Collection times must be performed as close to the latest posted pick-up time as possible. District Managers must also coordinate with Logistics to ensure adequate transportation is scheduled to transport all collected mail. Personnel on duty should check collection boxes at Post Office, lobby drops and Self-Service Kiosks (SSKs) for overflow Monday, November 11, 2024.

Delivery Operations

All offices should carefully review their staffing plans for this holiday and adjust as necessary to meet the needs of their communities.

- All delivery units should act prior to this date to ensure that units are in a current package and mail delivery status
- For planning purposes, Post Offices should use recent mail volume trends, and adjust for any unforeseen local circumstances
- The pre- and post-holiday surveys adhering to delivery compliance to these plans must be completed with accuracy

Tuesday, November 5, 2024:

Local management should review the Route Book for the following week's holiday drop times
by our same day mailers. Route Books will be sent from the External Customer Integration
Team via the SharePoint below and My Post Office (MyPO) certification link:

HQ External Customer Integration (sharepoint.com)

- A delivery manager or supervisor must:
 - Post the holiday work schedules and review attendance patterns to be addressed prior to the holiday
 - Ensure compliance to the Triangulation Pull Up Play Escalation leading into the holiday weekend

Saturday, November 9, 2024:

In addition to regular (Saturday) delivery and collections, all delivery offices should:

- Take appropriate action to ensure units remain in a current status; the goal is to have zero delayed or curtailed mail volumes going into the holiday
- Plan and schedule in alignment to address efficiencies to ensure late carriers, service, scanning indicators, overtime and penalty overtime impacts are reduced

Sunday, November 10, 2024:

- Normal (Sunday) service levels will be provided in delivery operations including Sunday/Holiday Priority Mail Express and Sunday/Holiday Same Day Package Delivery (HUB and spoke structures)
- Sunday eligible Amazon Night Owls will be scheduled and should be staffed Sunday night into Monday for holiday delivery
- Management should schedule based on Dynamic Routing (DRT) projections versus actual hours
 - o Carriers should **not** be scheduled prior to Distribution Up Time (DUT)
 - o Carriers should be loading their vehicles within 15 minutes of their begin tour
 - Carriers should be delivering packages within 45 minutes of their begin tour
- EAS must use Delivery Management Systems (DMS), when available, to confirm proper scanning and delivery of Sunday parcels has been completed at all locations
- Delivery of any product not committed on this day will only be designated by the Vice President for that assigned Region

Veterans Day Holiday, "Non-Widely Observed", Monday, November 11, 2024:

- <u>There will be no regular delivery service</u> except for Holiday Premium Priority Mail Express and Holiday Same Day Package Delivery (HUB and spoke structures)
- Amazon will drop to all Sunday/Holiday sites for holiday delivery
 - Night Owls will also be scheduled
 - Review Route Book drop times to schedule personnel to accept volume according to the scheduled drops
- Walmart will drop to Sunday/Holiday sites on Monday, November 11, 2024, for same day delivery
 - Walmart will utilize the Sunday Route Book times for holiday drops
- Please review all major mailer Route Books for holiday drop times
- EAS must use DMS, when available, to confirm proper scanning and delivery of Holiday Same Day parcels has been completed at all locations
- Delivery of any product not committed on this day will only be designated by the Vice President for that assigned Region
- Collection Operations:
 - District Managers will coordinate with plant partners and perform full collections if cancelations are scheduled
 - Collection times must be performed as close to the last posted pick up time as possible
 - District Mangers will coordinate with Logistics to ensure adequate transportation is scheduled to transport all collected mail
 - Collections must start and run-on time to meet the Dispatch of Value (DOV) to the mail processing facilities

Tuesday, November 12, 2024:

Return to normal service levels.

- Take appropriate action to ensure units remain in a current status; the goal is to have zero delayed or curtailed mail volumes
- Review past performance and work with In-Plant Support and Network Operations on transportation
- Full local management engagement, to include reducing and eliminating telecoms during morning operations, to support the front-line delivery teams

- Planning and scheduling must be aligned to support leave and return times without conducting 6 to 9 package deliveries
- Delivery managers and supervisors should plan for additional mail volume and packages for delivery after the holiday without pre-touring carriers
- Plan and schedule in alignment to address efficiencies ensuring service, scanning performance, late carriers, overtime and penalty overtime impacts are reduced
- Collections must start and run-on time to meet the DOV to the mail processing facilities

Retail and Post Office Operations

Management should review staffing plans and adjust as necessary to meet the needs of their communities using recent and same period as last year (SPLY) retail sales trend information and mail volumes.

Management should ensure SSK consumables and supplies are fully stocked and postage stamps/mailing supplies (Expedited Packaging Supplies, ReadyPost, Greeting Cards, Gift Cards) are available for customers.

Offices should display proper "door cling" signage prior to the holiday. Visibly taped or handwritten signage is not acceptable. Advise customers of any Contract Postal Units (CPUs) or Approved Shipper (APS) locations where retail services will be available on the Veterans Day holiday and provide them with the hours of operation.

Offices should ensure their facilities are cleaned and maintain their daily PS Form 4852/Line H requirements for custodial operations.

Saturday, November 9: Normal (Saturday) service levels will be provided in Retail and Post Office Operations.

- Remote Forwarding System (RFS): Ensure undeliverable parcels are processed timely to avoid backlogs through the holiday.
- Parcel Return Service (PRS): Dispatch PRS as scheduled. If needed, escalate
- non-picked up package issues to your Business Service Network (BSN) representative and annotate in RADAR. For Return Delivery Units (RDU), follow the 48-hour rule before dispatching to the plant.
- <u>Equipment</u>: Confirm all scanning equipment is operable and transmitting without incidents including: ADUS, SDUS, PASS, DSS, MDD-IO. Extra batteries should be kept on hand as needed. For ADUS and SDUS equipment, the holiday sort plan mimics the Sunday PDTAT configuration. Sites should verify their PDTAT files are correct. If changes are required, submit to ADUSSDUSSortPlanRequests@usps.gov by Thursday, November 7.
- <u>Notice Left Shelf</u>: Verify items receive notification or are returned according to the schedule. For post office box packages, if it fits, place in the PO box or parcel locker.
- MyPO Notifications: Check MyPO notifications, including hold mail, package pickups and redelivery and ensure items are closed in MyPO timely. Carrier pickup requests are to be closed the same day as the request in MyPO, otherwise they will be reported as failed.
- <u>'First In First Out' (FIFO)</u>: Use placards, signs, and lines for maintaining FIFO to manage volume and assist with applying the correct Delivery Day Indicator (DDI).
- <u>Delivery Day Indicator (DDI)</u>: Management oversight to ensure delivery units apply the correct DDI <u>BEFORE</u> scanning packages (see below). <u>REMINDER</u>: After 11:00 AM, in conjunction with 15 minutes of idle time (no scans), the PASS and DSS machines will no longer have "Today" available as a DDI selection

- <u>PM Parcel Distribution</u>: Review volumes, schedules, and work all available parcels in the PM to ensure unit is clean before the holiday.
- Sorting and Staging Area: Confirm all processing equipment/containers are neat, in place, and ready for the following day. Check housekeeping: floors clear of debris, trash bins emptied, extra empty equipment staged ready for pickup.
- Verify all major mailer route books for scheduled drop times over the holiday weekend.
- Utilize the Amazon projections sent on Tuesday (11/5/24) for proper planning and scheduling.
- Confirm users have the correct PDTA access to send for routing.
- Ensure all MTE is prepped and dispatched back to plant partners.
- Ensure all SSK alerts are cleared, and consumables are filled before leaving COB (receipt tape and labels).

DDI Selections:

Date Packages are	Date Packages will be			
SCANNED	DELIVERED	DDI Selection		
	Sat – November 9	Today		
Saturday, November 9, 2024	Sun – November 10	Sunday		
Saturday, November 9, 2024	Mon – November 11	Holiday		
	Tue – November 12	Next Day*		
	Sun – November 10	Sunday		
Sunday, November 10, 2024	Mon – November 11	Holiday		
	Tue – November 12	Next Day*		
Monday, November 11, 2024	Mon – November 11	Holiday		
Moriday, November 11, 2024	Tue – November 12	Next Day*		
Tuesday Nevember 12, 2024	Tue – November 12	Today		
Tuesday, November 12, 2024	Wed – November 13	Tomorrow		

^{*} Used for processing packages on the current day, BUT have a Delivery Date for the Next Day

Sunday, November 10: Normal (Sunday) service levels will be provided including Sunday/Holiday Priority Express and Sunday/Holiday Same Day package processing and delivery in Hub/Spoke structure.

- <u>Function 4 Staffing</u>: Balance workhours to workload by reviewing the VAP Gap tool to
 identify staff opportunities, assess Sunday and holiday volume trend data and mail arrival
 times to schedule staff that coincides with the workload and performance expectations.
- <u>Collections</u>: At the local level, confirm holiday-specific collection transportation schedules for the dispatching of collection mail. Clear collection points in front of and within the post office (e.g., collection boxes, inside lobby drops and self-service kiosks) prior to truck arriving and dispatch all available outgoing mail on first available truck. Follow separation and MTEL placarding procedures when preparing mail for dispatch according to local holiday schedules Ensure all MTE is prepped and dispatched to plant partners.

Monday, November 11: Veterans Day Holiday, "Non-Widely Observed":

- Retail services will not be available, except in those facilities normally open on this holiday.
- Post offices should provide post office box access for customers to the maximum extent possible

- Post Office Operations personnel on duty should check and clear collection points in front of and within the post office (e.g., collection boxes, inside lobby drops and self-service kiosks) follow separation and MTEL placarding procedures to prepare and dispatch all outgoing mail on first available truck.
- District Integrated Operating Plan Specialists should review District and local surface and air transportation network holiday schedules. If networks are operating, ensure major mailers are contacted to make certain volumes are collected and inducted into the system in a timely manner.
- District Integrated Operating Plan Specialists should work in conjunction with local processing and transportation personnel to ensure IOP agreements are being followed and MAQ/PAQ anomalies are being recorded properly.
- Local management should review the Route Book for the following week's holiday drop times
 by our same day mailers. Route Books will be sent from the External Customer Integration
 Team via the SharePoint below and My Post Office (MyPO) certification link:
 External Customer Integration Team Home (sharepoint.com)
- Amazon will drop to all Sunday Amazon HUB sites on Monday for holiday HUB delivery.
 Night Owls will be scheduled. Review route book for scheduled drop times.
 - Walmart will drop to Sunday HUB sites on Monday for holiday delivery. Walmart will utilize the Sunday route book times for Monday drops.
 - O Review Major Mailer route-book drop times to schedule personnel to accept drops in the morning.
 - o "Holiday" configuration must be used as day of week selection in PDTA.
- Ensure all MTE is prepped and dispatched to plant partners.

Tuesday, November 12:

- Return to normal service levels. Management should review the SSRD from 11/13/23 (FY23 operational day-after "observed" Veterans Day Holiday) and use recent sales trend information to adjust for local circumstances
- Check SSK consumables and clear alerts. Ensure supplies are fully stocked and postage stamps/mailing supplies (Expedited Packaging Supplies, ReadyPost, Greeting Cards, Gift Cards) are available for customers
- Package pickup services should be provided at Dutch doors along with soft openings to reduce customer wait times to the fullest extent possible
- Function 4 Staffing:
 - o Plan for additional mail volume and packages for post-holiday delivery
 - Review VAP Gap tool, post-holiday volume trend data, CSAW projections, mail arrival times and utilize F4 IVES Scheduler to plan for staffing that coincides with the projected workload and performance expectations.
 - Ensure all MTE is prepped and dispatched to plant partners.

Processing Operations

This holiday presents an opportunity to consolidate and compress plant operations to generate savings while maintaining service performance levels. In order to take advantage of the savings opportunity, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- There will be NO cancellations on the Monday Holiday
- Opening Units kept at day zero for Letters and Flats
- Advance all available blue and orange Marketing Mail for Saturday delivery.
- Review IVES scheduling to match operating plans
- Focus on RPG Compliance and P2P (Start Time & Throughput)

- Inhibit Delivery Point Sequence (DPS) sort program regeneration prior to the holiday and
- re-establish afterwards
- Utilize an RPG model for DPS processing on Sunday and Monday night that ensures an early DPS dispatch for Tuesday delivery
- Ensure only one DPS run on Tuesday morning (no double runs of DPS).
- Communicate with Marketing and Logistics to leverage mailer volumes available for Holiday pick up and Outgoing processing
- Decisions for Tuesday early collection plans will be determined locally by Region/Division. (See below instructions relative to processing and dispatching Commercial Mailings)
- Evaluate the processing of Outgoing Packages on the day of the holiday to avoid late clearance on Tuesday. (Sites not processing OG on the holiday must create an early collection plan to start outgoing operations earlier).
- Assign SWYB to avoid VAP issues to THS

Processing NOCC

- Increased nightly oversight of plant performance to plan/capacity
- 24-hour coverage, including on the holiday, to provide assistance and escalation
- Increased monitoring of MMP performance to plan on Saturday & Sunday
- Increased monitoring of DPS performance to plan on Sunday and Monday

Processing and Dispatch of Commercial Mailings

Specific planning activities should include:

- Coordination with Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU) Managers
- Coordination with Detached Mail Units
- Coordination with Business Service Network Managers
- Notifying Commercial Mailers of BMEU Holiday hours and assurance that mail which is entered will be processed and dispatched.
- Adjusting Operating Plans and RPGs to include the anticipated Commercial Mail volumes.
- Ensuring that all processed mail is dispatched on scheduled transportation on Monday night and Tuesday morning.
- Ensure communication to field of FedEx and Dispatch Plan

Plant managers must commit that Parcel Return Service (PRS-569xx) operations will be staffed, and all returns sorted and available to PRS partners as agreed.

Plant managers are to ensure proper Priority Mail Open & Distribute (PMOD) process, especially ensuring all destinating volume receives it's stopped the clock Received at Opening Unit (RAOU) scan upon arrival.

Plant managers must ensure that Integrated Operating Plans (IOPs) between the BMEUs and Operations are updated to ensure timely induction, processing and dispatch of mail presented to the BMEU prior to and on holidays. BMEU managers must ensure that all staff at both the BMEUs and the Detached Mail Units are familiar with and execute their operations in accordance with the IOP. Local collection and cancellation plans must be coordinated with associate offices and must support achievement of 24-hour clock indicators. Managers and supervisors must plan for anticipated increased volumes after the holiday. It is vital to ensure all mail is finalized, prepared for assignment, and dispatched on the appropriate transportation network.

Plants must make plans to assure that destinating volumes are processed to meet service goals before and after the holiday. All missorted, missent, return-to-sender and Postal Automated Redirection System (PARS) and Flat PARS volumes must be identified, finalized, prepared for

assignment and dispatched on the appropriate transportation network on Saturday. Reductions in FAST holiday constraints or facility closures will not be approved; every site must maintain appointment availability. Plants need to ensure timely acceptance of drop shipments. Please ensure that the local FAST facility profile contact information is current. The FAST Help Desk will be authorized to contact local Plant Managers directly to resolve urgent acceptance issues.

Network Distribution Centers (NDCs) also have an opportunity to consolidate and compress operations to generate savings while maintaining service performance levels. NDCs must utilize the RPG tool to staff operations. NDCs must schedule drop shipment acceptance hours to ensure timely induction, processing and dispatch of mail.

If there is a need to deviate from this guidance, please work through the appropriate office for an exception.

International Service Center Operations

This non-widely observed holiday presents an opportunity to maximize processing to take full advantage of available lift and ensure service expectations are met. Please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Use the Run Plan Generator (RPG) for staffing operations.
- Clear any delayed volumes and advance mail where possible.
- Ensure coordination with Customs & Border Protection (CBP) to provide sufficient staffing to avoid backlogs.
- Ensure Customs belts are staffed sufficiently to maximize efficiency.
- Stop/Start the clock events are critical during holiday periods. Please ensure all employees are aware of processes for visibility and service protection.
- Ensure on-time clearance of FC SPRs to avoid surface volume rolling over.
- Ensure processing and dispatch of Priority throughout the holiday weekend to avoid exceeding lift.

Maintenance Operations

The Maintenance Technical Support Center (MTSC) will assist mail processing sites with planned power outages in accordance with the following knowledge base (KB) article.

Facility Planned Power Outages

MTSC KB0012715

Refer to the Mail Processing Emergency Response Checklists for critical actions and tasks.

Additional Information

- For all power outages, create a ticket on the <u>MTSC Web Ticket Portal</u> for the affected site and provide all relevant information about the outage.
- For planned power outages, sites must submit a Change Request (CR) form to <u>FAP_Power_Outage_Notification@usps.gov</u>. The CR form is available in the MTSC KB.

Upon receipt of the MTSC web ticket, the MTSC Network Operations Application Support (NOAS) team will contact Engineering to:

- Schedule graceful shutdowns of IDS, NDSS, and NGTC for planned outages.
- Validate functionality after power is restored for all outages.

If a system has issues going online after power is restored, then create a new ticket for the affected system and request NST assistance.

Non-Emergency Project Requests

MTSC will provide phone support 24 hours a day through the holiday but will curtail all non-emergency support activities to ensure sufficient HelpDesk coverage during the holiday scheduling period. Normal projects and supplemental support activities will resume in the week following the holiday.

Logistics Operations

Air Transportation Network

UPS

UPS will have normal operations during the Veterans Day period.

Holiday	Day of Week	Date	Postal Volume Tendered	Comments
Day before	Sunday	11/10/2024	YES	Normal Sunday Tender
Veterans Day	Monday	11/11/2024	NO	No Mail Tender
Day after	Tuesday	11/12/2024	YES	Normal Tuesday Tender
	Wednesday	11/13/2024	YES	Normal Tender

Supplemental Networks

There will be no Amazon (A1), AmeriJet (M6), or Northern Air Cargo (NC) operations on Sunday, November 10, 2024. Normal operations will resume on Wednesday, November 13, 2024.

Holiday	Day of Week	Date	Amazon	Amerijet	NAC
Day before	Sunday	11/10/2024	NO	NO	NO
Veterans Day	Monday	11/11/2024	NO	NO	NO
Day after	Tuesday	11/12/2024	NO	NO	NO
	Wednesday	11/13/2024	YES	YES	YES

FedEx

Normal FedEx Night-sort operations are planned during the Veterans Day period from all FedEx hub locations.

Holiday	Day of Week	I Date S		Comments
Day before	Sunday	11/10/2024	NO	
Veterans Day	Monday	11/11/2024	YES	Normal Tender
Day after	Tuesday	11/12/2024	YES	Normal Tender
	Wednesday	11/13/2024	YES	Normal Tender

Global

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Y = need canine team

N = do not need canine team

N/A = not scheduled

^{*}Noted: Yes on Monday for offshore markets and LAX/ORD

International Transportation Plan

Import/Export Plan for the ISC

Holiday	Day of	Doto	<u>JFK</u>	<u>JFK</u>	<u>ORD</u>	<u>ORD</u>
Hollday	<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Export</u>	<u>Import</u>	Export	<u>Import</u>
Day before	<u>Sunday</u>	11/10/2024	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
Veterans Day	<u>Monday</u>	11/11/2024	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
Day after	<u>Tuesday</u>	11/12/2024	<u>YES</u>	YES	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>

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Day after	<u>Tuesday</u>	11/12/2024	<u>YES</u>	YES	YES	<u>YES</u>

Customs CBP opening plan and hours at the ISC

	Day of		<u>JFK</u>	<u>JFK</u>	<u>ORD</u>	<u>ORD</u>
<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	CBP Open	CBP hours	CBP Open	CBP hours
Day before	<u>Sunday</u>	11/10/2024	<u>YES</u>	<u>24/7</u>	YES	<u>06:00 – 15:00</u>
Veterans Day	<u>Monday</u>	11/11/2024	<u>YES</u>	<u>24/7</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>06:00 – 15:00</u>
Day after	<u>Tuesday</u>	11/12/2024	<u>YES</u>	<u>24/7</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>06:00 – 15:00</u>

Day of <u>LAX</u> <u>LAX</u> <u>MIA</u> <u>MIA</u> <u>Holiday</u> <u>Date</u> <u>CBP</u> **CBP CBP** hours <u>Week</u> CBP hours <u>Open</u> **Open Sunday** 11/10/2024 <u>YES</u> <u>06:00 - 14:00</u> **YES** 06:00 - 22:30 Day before **Veterans Day** <u>06:00 - 22:30</u> **Monday** <u>11/11/2024</u> <u>YES</u> <u>06:00 - 22:00</u> <u>YES</u> Day after **Tuesday** 11/12/2024 **YES** <u>06:00 - 22:00</u> **YES** <u>06:00 - 22:30</u>

Surface Transportation Network

The Surface Transfer Centers (STC) will be normal operations during the Veterans Day Holiday.

Normal STC operations planned during the Veterans Day period to include transportation.

Dispatch Procedures

To avoid transportation delays, manage mail volume flow before, during, and after the holiday accordingly:

- Maximize utilization of available surface, commercial air, and FedEx transportation during the holiday period.
- Prioritization values established for planned routes will ensure commercial air capacity is utilized ahead of FedEx.

Please disseminate these policies and procedures to the appropriate personnel in your area. Your immediate attention to these details and dispatch procedures is appreciated.

Thank you for your assistance.

Elvin Mercado Vice President Delivery Operations

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Vice President
Logistics

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