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MASSACHUSETTS BANKERS ASSOCIATION SAYS CHECK BANK SCHEDULES FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS

BOSTON, Dec. 20, 2016 -- The Massachusetts Bankers Association is encouraging banking customers to review their bank's hours around the holidays that are approaching.

"Often, holiday schedules at banks can differ from normal hours," said Daniel J. Forte, president and CEO of the Massachusetts Bankers Association. "This year is a bit different because Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on a Sunday."

Nearly all banks in the Bay State plan to be closed on both Monday, Dec. 26 and Monday, Jan. 2, 2017, official holidays when Christmas and New Year's fall on a Sunday.

The majority of those banks that normally have Saturday hours will be open both weekends, with some indicating they will be open only the Saturday that is New Year's Eve. Seventy-five percent of banks surveyed will keep their regular hours during both Saturdays, a handful will close early and slightly less will actually extend hours on the Saturdays.

"Bottom line," said Forte, "is check with your bank to be sure of its hours."

Consumers should continue to utilize other convenient bank services such as mobile or online banking, or ATMs.

"We wish to extend our best wishes to all for a joyous Holiday Season and Happy New Year," said Forte.

The Massachusetts Bankers Association represents approximately 155 commercial, savings and co-operative banks and savings and loan associations with 65,000 employees located in Massachusetts and elsewhere in New England.

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