

As an increasingly diverse school, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine celebrates the many cultures represented among our families. Our school calendar includes a list of holidays that are not days off from school, though students who celebrate these holidays continue to have excused absences on these days. In recognition of the growing number of students who celebrate various religions, TUSDM has placed holidays on its calendar to increase awareness among students, teachers, and staff that these are significant holidays. While these holidays remain official school days, we hope that placing them on the calendar reminds our faculty and staff that students who celebrate these days have an excused absence from school.

Holiday Observances in Massachusetts (statewide legal holidays in bold) Source: Mass.gov

HOLIDAY/OBSERVANCE	2018	2019	2020
<i>Eid al-Adha</i> **† (Muslim)	Wednesday, Aug. 22	Monday, Aug. 12	Thursday, July 30
<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>Monday, Sept. 3</b>	<b>Monday, Sept. 2</b>	<b>Monday, Sept. 7</b>
<i>Rosh Hashanah</i> *† (Jewish)	Sept. 10-11	Sept. 30- Oct. 1	Sept. 19-20
<i>Yom Kippur</i> *† (Jewish)	Wednesday, Sept. 19	Wednesday, Oct. 9	Monday, Sept. 28
Sukkot (Jewish)	Sept. 24-30	Oct. 14-20	Oct. 3-9
Shemini Atzeret* (Jewish)	Monday, Oct. 1	Tuesday, Oct. 21	Saturday, Oct. 10
Simchat Torah* (Jewish)	Tuesday, Oct. 2	Wednesday, Oct. 22	Sunday, Oct. 11
<b>Columbus Day</b>	<b>Monday, Oct. 8</b>	<b>Monday, Oct. 14</b>	<b>Monday, Oct. 12</b>
<i>Dussera</i> † (Hindu)	Friday, Oct. 19	Tuesday, Oct. 8	Sunday, Oct. 25
<i>Diwali</i> † (Hindu)	Wednesday, Nov. 7	Sunday, Oct. 27	Saturday, Nov. 14
Birth of Báb (Bahá'í)	Friday, Nov. 9	Tuesday, Oct. 29	Sunday, Oct. 18
<b>Veteran's Day</b>	<b>Sunday, Nov. 11</b>	<b>Monday, Nov. 11</b>	<b>Wednesday, Nov 11</b>
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>Thursday, Nov. 22</b>	<b>Thursday, Nov. 28</b>	<b>Thursday, Nov. 26</b>
Chanukah* (Jewish)	Dec. 3-10	Dec. 23-30	Dec. 11-18
Yalda	Friday, Dec. 21	Sunday, Dec. 22	Monday, Dec. 21
<b>Christmas Eve</b> (Christian)	<b>Monday, Dec. 24</b>	<b>Tuesday, Dec. 24</b>	<b>Thursday, Dec. 24</b>
<b>Christmas Day</b> (Christian)	<b>Tuesday, Dec. 25</b>	<b>Wednesday, Dec. 25</b>	<b>Friday, Dec. 25</b>
Kwanzaa	Dec. 26-Jan. 1	Dec. 26-Jan. 1	Dec. 26-Jan. 1
<b>New Year's Day</b>	<b>Monday, Jan. 1</b>	<b>Tuesday, Jan. 1</b>	<b>Wednesday, Jan. 1</b>
Maghi (Sikh)	Sunday, Jan. 14	Tuesday, Jan. 15	Monday, Jan. 13
<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>	<b>Monday, Jan. 15</b>	<b>Monday, Jan. 21</b>	<b>Monday, Jan. 20</b>
Mahashivaratri** (Hindu)	Tuesday, Feb. 13	Monday, March 4	Friday, Feb. 21
Ash Wednesday (Christian)	Wednesday, Feb. 14	Wednesday, Mar. 6	Wednesday, Feb. 26
Chinese New Year	Friday, Feb. 16	Tuesday, Feb. 5	Saturday, Jan. 25
<b>President's Day</b>	<b>Monday, Feb. 19</b>	<b>Monday, Feb. 18</b>	<b>Monday, Feb. 17</b>
Magha Puja (Buddhist)	Thursday, March 1	Tuesday, Feb. 19	Monday, Feb. 10
Holi** (Hindu)	Friday, March 2	Thursday, March 21	Monday, March 9
Naw-Rúz (Bahá'í)	Wednesday, March 21	Thursday, March 21	Friday, March 20
Palm Sunday (Christian)	Sunday, Mar. 25	Sunday, Apr. 14	Sunday, Apr. 5
<i>Good Friday</i> † (Christian)	Friday, Mar. 30	Friday, Apr. 19	Friday, Apr. 10
<i>Passover</i> *† (Jewish)	Mar. 31- Apr. 7	Apr. 20-27	Apr. 9-16
Easter (Christian)	Sunday, Apr 1	Sunday, Apr 21	Sunday, Apr 12
Vesak (Buddhist)	Saturday, April 8	Monday, April 8	Wednesday, April 8
Vaisakhi (Sikh)	Saturday, April 14	Sunday, April 14	Monday, April 13
Orthodox Good Friday (Christian)	Friday, Mar. 30	Friday, Apr. 19	Friday, Apr. 10
Orthodox Easter (Christian)	Sunday, Apr. 8	Sunday, Apr. 28	Sunday, Apr. 19
<b>Patriot's Day</b>	<b>Monday, Apr. 16</b>	<b>Monday, Apr. 15</b>	<b>Monday, Apr. 20</b>
Ramadan** (Muslim)	May 16-June 14	May 6- June 4	Apr. 24-May 23
Shavuot* (Jewish)	May 20-21	June 9-10	May 29-30
<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>Monday, May 28</b>	<b>Monday, May 27</b>	<b>Monday, May 25</b>
<i>Eid al-Fitr</i> **† (Muslim)	June 14-15	June 3-4	May 23-24
<b>Independence Day</b>	<b>Wednesday, July 4</b>	<b>Thursday, July 4</b>	<b>Saturday, July 4</b>

\* These observances begin at sundown on the evening prior to the day of observance.

\*\* Due to the lunar Calendar, these are only approximate dates.

† There will be no exams on these holidays.