



FALL 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS

SEPTEMBER	9/6	LABOR DAY —Labor Day honors the contribution that laborers have made to the country**
	9/6	ROSH HASHANAH (<i>ends on 9/8/2021</i>)—Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, is one of the holiest days of the year. The celebration marks the creation of the world and the beginning of 10 days of introspection and repentance that ends with Yom Kippur.*
	9/15	NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH (<i>ends on 10/15/2021</i>)—This month corresponds with Mexican Independence Day, which is celebrated on September 16, and recognizes the revolution in 1810 that ended Spanish dictatorship.
	9/15	YOM KIPPUR —Yom Kippur, the holiest day on the Jewish calendar, is a day of atonement where one seeks forgiveness and repents for wrongdoings over the past year and in turn. The holiday is marked by fasting.*
	9/21	MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL —The Mid-Autumn Festival is when many Asian families gather to sample autumn harvests, light lanterns, and admire what’s believed to be the fullest moon of the year.
OCTOBER	10/1	NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH —National Disability Employment Awareness Month commemorates the many and varied contributions of people with disabilities to America’s workplaces and economy.
	10/1	LGBT HISTORY MONTH —LGBT History Month celebrates the achievements of 31 lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender icons.
	10/11	NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY —For those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender, this day celebrates coming out and the recognition of the 1987 march on Washington for gay and lesbian equality.
	10/11	INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY —Indigenous Peoples’ Day gives recognition to the indigenous populations affected by colonization.
NOVEMBER	11/1	NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH —National American Indian Heritage Month, which celebrates the history and contributions of Native Americans.
	11/1	ALL SAINTS’ DAY —All Saints’ Day is a Christian holiday commemorating all known and unknown Christian saints.
	11/4	DIWALI —Diwali is the Hindu, Jain, and Sikh five-day festival of lights celebrates new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and lightness over darkness.
	11/11	VETERANS DAY —Veterans Day is a U.S. federal holiday honoring military veterans.
	11/20	TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE —Transgender Day of Remembrance memorializes those who have been killed as a result of transphobia and raises awareness of the continued violence endured by the transgender community.
	11/25	THANKSGIVING DAY —Thanksgiving began as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year**
DECEMBER	11/28	CHANUKAH/HANUKKAH (<i>ends on 12/6/2021</i>)—Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday that celebrates the victory of the Maccabees, or Israelites, over the Greek-Syrian ruler Antiochus approximately 2,200 years ago and the miracle of one day’s worth of oil burning for 8 days in the holy temple.*
	12/1	WORLD AIDS DAY —World AIDS Day commemorates those who have died of AIDS and acknowledges the need for a continued commitment to all those affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic.
	12/3	INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES —International Day of Persons with Disabilities raises awareness in regards to persons with disabilities in order to improve their lives and provide them with equal opportunity.
	12/10	INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY —International Human Rights Day commemorates the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
	12/24	CHRISTMAS EVE
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	12/26	KWANZAA (<i>ends on 1/1/2022</i>)—Kwanzaa is an African American holiday started by Maulana Karenga in 1966 to celebrate universal African American heritage.

* All Jewish and Islamic holidays listed above begin at sundown
 ** Mass General Brigham observed holidays
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