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New York Lottery Announces New Draw Close Time For Mega Millions Ticket Sales

Mega Millions sales on draw days will end at 10 p.m. starting April 4, 2023

The New York Lottery today announced that starting April 4, 2023, Mega Millions ticket purchases for a Mega Millions draw held on the same day must be made by 10 p.m.

Currently, Mega Millions tickets for the same day's draw can be purchased until 10:45 p.m. Mega Millions draws are held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 11 p.m.

The new draw close time will allow more time for the New York Lottery to conduct closing procedures for each Mega Millions draw. The change is strictly operational and will have no effect on those wishing to play Mega Millions.

Mega Millions tickets cost \$2 per play. Players pick six numbers from two separate pools of numbers – five different numbers from 1 to 70 and one number from 1 to 25 for the Mega Ball – or select Quick Pick to have the numbers selected randomly. To win the jackpot a player must match all six winning numbers.

Players can also use the Megaplier feature for an extra \$1 per game. The Megaplier multiplies non-Jackpot prizes by up to five times. Another Mega Millions feature called “Just the Jackpot” gives players two Quick Pick tickets that are only eligible to win the jackpot for just \$3.

New York's Mega Millions generated \$294,562,279 in total sales during fiscal year 2021-2022. School districts in New York received \$119,222,978 in Lottery Aid to Education funds from the sales of Mega Millions during the same period.

About the New York Lottery

The New York Lottery continues to be North America's largest and most profitable Lottery, contributing \$3.6 billion in fiscal year 2021-2022 to help support education in New York State.

New Yorkers struggling with a gambling addiction, or who know someone who is, can find help by calling the State's toll-free, confidential HOPEline at 1-877-8-HOPENY (1-877-846-7369) or by texting HOPENY (467369). Standard text rates may apply.

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