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Southland now open 24/7; timetable on \$250M expansion pushed back

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People can once again play the slots whenever they want in West Memphis.

Southland Casino Racing announced it will go back to 24 hours, seven days a week effective Friday, March 5.

The casino reopened May 18, 2020, following COVID-19 shutdowns. It had previously expanded its weekend hours to 24-hour days this past October.

Southland will continue to operate under Delaware North's Play It Safe health and safety program. Delaware North is Southland's parent company.

"We're very pleased to be able to operate with 'normal' hours once again," David Wolf, president and general manager of Southland Casino Racing, said in a release.

Expansion timeline shifted



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Rendering of Southland Park's \$250-million expansion, including a casino complex and hotel

Southland continues to push forward with the construction of its \$250 million expansion, which consists of a new gaming complex and a 20-story, 300-room high-rise hotel. Though, the timetable has been shifted.

Natalie Carlson, marketing manager of Southland Casino, said a significant amount of work has been completed on the new gaming complex and hotel. However, completion is now anticipated to occur in 2022 as a result of COVID.

She previously told the *Memphis Business Journal* in October 2020 that the gaming complex was slated to be finished in 2021, and that the hotel would follow about six months later.

"We adopted a controlled pace for construction based on the pandemic's financial impact on the business since March and going forward into 2021," Carlson said. "We have a great facility in place and so it's fine for us to push out completion of the expansion to after business conditions should be back to normal."

The 82,000-square-foot Southland Casino Racing had a staff of 900 gaming employees in 2020, according to MBJ research.

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