Title: Dividend date and selling

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I *do not* plan on selling my shares anytime soon, but this being a dividend got me thinking.

On a normal dividend, you have 3 dates - announcement, ex-dividend, and payment. Now you can sell your stock after the ex-dividend date and still get your dividend payment, even if its before the payment date.

For GME we have our announcement (7/6) we have a ex-dividend (7/18) and payment (7/21). If someone were to sell on the 19th they would be on record as having the stock and be eligible for the dividend.

Would this actually happen? or do you need to keep them past the payment date to get them. I am assuming you would have to have shares on the payment date to get it, but again im not sure.