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**Specimen Deliveries to the MDH Laboratories
 Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend**

The MDH Laboratories will be operating on an abbreviated schedule over the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday and weekend to receive *Newborn* and *Clinical* specimens for testing as follows:

MDH Central Laboratory

Thursday, November 26, 2020	Closed
Friday, November 27, 2020	Open for Clinical and Newborn testing until 3:00 PM
Saturday, November 28, 2020	Loading dock open 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Sunday, November 29, 2020	Closed*

MDH Eastern Shore Regional Laboratory (ESRL)

Thursday, November 26, 2020	Closed
Friday, November 27, 2020	Accepting specimens 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Saturday, November 28, 2020	Accepting specimens 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Sunday, November 29, 2020	Closed*

MDH Western Maryland Regional Laboratory (WMRL)

Thursday, November 26, 2020	Closed
Friday, November 27, 2020	Accepting specimens 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Saturday, November 28, 2020	Accepting specimens 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Sunday, November 29, 2020	Closed*

*Subject to operational requirements.

Specimens collected for COVID-19 testing can be stored and transported on cold packs refrigerated (2-8°C) for up to 72 hours after collection before delivery to the MDH Central Laboratory for testing.

Specimens that cannot be delivered for testing at the MDH Central Laboratory within 72 hours after collection must be frozen and stored at > -70°C and transported frozen on dry ice. Therefore, please plan the COVID-19 specimen collection accordingly over the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend.

If you have any questions/concerns about COVID-19 specimen delivery, please contact the MDH Central Laboratory at 443-681.3924.