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**Specimen Deliveries to the MDH Laboratories over the
 2021 Christmas and New Year’s Holiday Weekends**

The MDH Laboratories will be operating on an abbreviated holiday schedule over the upcoming holidays to receive Newborn Screening specimens only for testing.

MDH Central Laboratory

Friday, December 24, 2021	<i>Open for Newborn specimens only until 3:00P</i>
Saturday, December 25, 2021	<i>CLOSED</i>
Sunday, December 26, 2021	<i>CLOSED</i>
Friday, December 31, 2021	<i>Open for Newborn specimens only until 3:00P</i>
Saturday, January 1, 2022	<i>CLOSED</i>
Sunday, January 2, 2022	<i>CLOSED</i>

MDH Eastern Shore Regional Laboratory (ESRL)

Friday, December 24, 2021	<i>CLOSED</i>
Saturday, December 25, 2021	<i>CLOSED</i>
Sunday, December 26, 2021	<i>CLOSED</i>
Friday, December 31, 2021	<i>CLOSED</i>
Saturday, January 1, 2022	<i>CLOSED</i>
Sunday, January 2, 2022	<i>CLOSED</i>

MDH Western Maryland Regional Laboratory (WMRL)

Friday, December 24, 2021	<i>CLOSED</i>
Saturday, December 25, 2021	<i>CLOSED</i>
Sunday, December 26, 2021	<i>CLOSED</i>
Friday, December 31, 2021	<i>CLOSED</i>
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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 holiday weekend.

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