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**Specimen Deliveries to the MDH Laboratories on the  
Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Holiday**

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

**MDH Central Laboratory**

Monday, January 18, 2021	<i>Loading dock open 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM</i>
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**MDH Eastern Shore Regional Laboratory (ESRL)**

Monday, January 18, 2021	<b>CLOSED</b>
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**MDH Western Maryland Regional Laboratory (WMRL)**

Monday, January 18, 2021	<b>CLOSED</b>
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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.

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