



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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### Weekend Specimen Deliveries to MDH Laboratories Effective June 5, 2021\*

#### MDH Central Laboratory

Saturday	Accepting newborn specimens 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM Accepting clinical specimens 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Sunday	CLOSED

#### MDH Eastern Shore Regional Laboratory (ESRL)

CLOSED
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#### MDH Western Maryland Regional Laboratory (WMRL)

CLOSED
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**\*until further notice based on operational requirements.**

Until further notice due to declining submissions of specimen for COVID-19(SARS-CoV-2) testing the MDH Laboratories Administration is altering hours of operations to accept weekend specimen deliveries.

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 weekend.

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