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### Specimen Deliveries to the MDH Laboratories over the Columbus Day Holiday Weekend

The MDH Laboratories will be operating on an abbreviated holiday schedule over the upcoming Columbus Day (October 10, 2022) Holiday Weekend (October 8-10, 2022) to receive *Newborn and Clinical* specimens for testing. Our Holiday schedule is as follows:

#### **MDH Central Laboratory**

Saturday, October 8, 2022	Accepting <b>Clinical</b> specimens 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Saturday, October 8, 2022	Accepting <b>Newborn</b> specimens 7:30AM - 2:00PM
Sunday, October 9, 2022	CLOSED
Monday, October 10, 2022	Accepting <b>Clinical</b> and <b>*Newborn</b> specimens 7:30AM- 3:00 PM

*\*Newborn specimens until 2:30 PM*

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

Saturday, October 8, 2022	CLOSED
Sunday, October 9, 2022	CLOSED
Monday, October 10, 2022	CLOSED

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

Saturday, October 8, 2022	CLOSED
Sunday, October 9, 2022	CLOSED
Monday, October 10, 2022	CLOSED

Specimens collected for COVID-19 testing can be stored refrigerated and transported on cold packs, (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.

For urgent rabies exposure testing and other after hour emergency testing requests see instructions on page 7 of the Guide to Public Health Laboratories Services on the MDH Laboratory's homepage: <https://health.maryland.gov/laboratories/Pages/home.aspx>