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 **Laboratories Administration**

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**Specimen Deliveries to the MDH Laboratories over the**

**Memorial Day Holiday Weekend**

The MDH Laboratories will be operating on an abbreviated holiday schedule over the upcoming Memorial Day Holiday Weekend (May 28-30) to receive Newborn and Clinical specimens for testing. Our Holiday schedule is as follows:

**MDH Central Laboratory**

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| Saturday, May 28, 2022 | Accepting *Clinical* specimens 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM |
| Saturday, May 28, 2022 | Accepting *Newborn* specimens 7:30 AM – 2:00 PM |
| Sunday, May 29, 2022 | CLOSED |
| Monday, May 30, 2022 | CLOSED |

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

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| Saturday, May 28, 2022 | CLOSED |
| Sunday, May 29, 2022 | CLOSED |
| Monday, May 30, 2022 | CLOSED |

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

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| Saturday, May 28, 2022 | CLOSED |
| Sunday, May 29, 2022 | CLOSED |
| Monday, May 30, 2022 | CLOSED |

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.