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MDH Laboratories Administration Specimen Delivery
Christmas and New Year’s Holidays 2024 - 2025

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

MDH Central Laboratory

Wednesday, December 25, 2024	CLOSED
Saturday, December 28, 2024	Open for Clinical specimens 7:30 am-12:00 pm
	Open for Newborn specimens 7:30 am-2:00 pm
Sunday, December 29, 2024	CLOSED
Wednesday, January 1, 2025	CLOSED

MDH Eastern Shore Regional Laboratory (ESRL)

Wednesday, December 25, 2024	CLOSED
Saturday, December 28, 2024	CLOSED
Sunday, December 29, 2024	CLOSED
Wednesday, January 1, 2025	CLOSED

MDH Western Maryland Regional Laboratory (WMRL)

Wednesday, December 25, 2024	CLOSED
Saturday, December 28, 2024	CLOSED
Sunday, December 29, 2024	CLOSED
Wednesday, January 1, 2025	CLOSED

Specimens collected for COVID-19 and Mpox 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 and Mpox specimen collection accordingly over the holiday.

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