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### Specimen Deliveries to the MDH Laboratories over the July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend

The MDH Laboratories will be operating on an abbreviated holiday schedule over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend (July 3-5, 2020) to receive *Newborn and Clinical* specimens for testing. Our July 4<sup>th</sup> schedule is as follows:

#### **MDH Central Laboratory**

Friday, July 3, 2020	Loading dock open 7:30AM – 3:00PM
Saturday, July 4, 2020	<i>CLOSED</i>
Sunday, July 5, 2020	Loading dock open 7:30AM – 12:00PM <b>(COVID-19 Specimens)</b>

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

Friday, July 3, 2020	Accepting specimens 8:00AM – 3:00PM
Saturday, July 4, 2020	<i>CLOSED</i>
Sunday, July 5, 2020	Accepting specimens 12:00PM – 4:00PM

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

Friday, July 3, 2020	Accepting specimens 8:00AM – 3:00PM
Saturday, July 4, 2020	<i>CLOSED</i>
Sunday, July 5, 2020	<i>CLOSED</i>

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 prior to 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  $\leq -70^{\circ}\text{C}$  and transported frozen on dry ice. Therefore, please plan COVID-19 specimen collection accordingly over the holiday weekend.

If you have any questions/concerns about COVID-19 specimen delivery, please contact the MDH Central Laboratory at 443-681-3924.

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