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Specimen Deliveries to the MDH Laboratories over the Labor Day Weekend

The MDH Laboratories will be operating on an abbreviated holiday schedule over the Labor Day weekend (Sept. 5-7, 2020) to receive Newborn and Clinical specimens for testing. Our Labor Day Holiday schedule is as follows:

**MDH Central Laboratory**

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| Saturday, September 5, 2020 | Loading dock open 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM\* |
| Sunday, September 6, 2020 | Loading dock open 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM |
| Monday, September 7, 2020 | CLOSED |

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

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| Saturday, September 5, 2020 | Accepting specimen 12:00PM – 4:00PM |
| Sunday, September 6, 2020 | Accepting specimen 12:00PM – 4:00PM |
| Monday, September 7, 2020 | CLOSED |

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

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| Saturday, September 5, 2020 | Accepting specimen 12:00PM – 4:00PM |
| Sunday, September 6, 2020 | CLOSED |
| Monday, September 7, 2020 | CLOSED |

\*Newborn specimens will be received until 2 PM on Saturday, September 5, 2020.

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 weekend.

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