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Specimen Deliveries to the MDH Laboratories over the Election Day, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day Holidays

The MDH Laboratories will be operating 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

Tuesday, November 3, 2026 (Election Day)	<i>Open for Newborn specimens 7:30 am-2 pm and Clinical specimens 7:30 am-3 pm</i>
Wednesday, November 11, 2026 (Veterans Day)	<i>Open for Newborn specimens 7:30 am- 2 pm and Clinical specimens 7:30 am-3 pm</i>
Thursday, November 26, 2026 (Thanksgiving Day)	Closed
Friday, November 27, 2026 (American Indian Heritage Day)	<i>Open for Newborn specimens 7:30 am 2 pm and Clinical specimens 7:30am – 3 pm</i>
Saturday, November 28, 2026	<i>Accepting Newborn specimens only 7:30am-2:00pm</i>

MDH Eastern Shore Regional Laboratory (ESRL)

Tuesday, November 3, 2026 (Election Day)	CLOSED
Wednesday, November 11, 2026 (Veterans Day)	CLOSED
Thursday, November 26, 2026 (Thanksgiving Day)	CLOSED
Friday, November 27, 2026 (American Indian Heritage Day)	CLOSED
Saturday, November 28, 2026	CLOSED

MDH Western Maryland Regional Laboratory (WMRL)

Tuesday, November 3, 2026 (Election Day)	CLOSED
Wednesday, November 11, 2026 (Veterans Day)	CLOSED
Thursday, November 26, 2026 (Thanksgiving Day)	CLOSED
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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. 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>