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**Specimen Deliveries to the MDH Laboratories over
 Election Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving Day Holidays 2024**

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

MDH Central Laboratory

Tuesday, November 5, 2024 (Election Day)	Open for Clinical specimens 7:30 am - 3:00 pm Open for Newborn specimens 7:30 am-3:00 pm
Monday, November 11, 2024 (Veterans Day)	Open for Clinical specimens 7:30 am - 3:00 pm Open for Newborn specimens 7:30 am-3:00 pm
Thursday, November 28, 2024 (Thanksgiving Day)	CLOSED
Friday, November 29, 2024 (American Indian Heritage Day)	Open for Clinical specimens 7:30 am - 3:00 pm Open for Newborn specimens 7:30 am-3:00 pm

* *Newborn specimens will be received until 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 30, 2024.*

* **CLOSED** for Clinical Specimen deliveries on Saturday, November 30, 2024

MDH Eastern Shore Regional Laboratory (ESRL)

Tuesday, November 5, 2024 (Election Day)	CLOSED
Monday, November 11, 2024 (Veterans Day)	CLOSED
0-7Thursday, November 28, 2024 (Thanksgiving Day)	CLOSED
Friday, November 29, 2024 (American Indian Heritage Day)	CLOSED

MDH Western Maryland Regional Laboratory (WMRL)

Tuesday, November 5, 2024 (Election Day)	CLOSED
Monday, November 11, 2024 (Veterans Day)	CLOSED
Thursday, November 28, 2024 (Thanksgiving Day)	CLOSED
Friday, November 29, 2024 (American Indian Heritage Day)	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 $< -70^{\circ}\text{C}$ 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>