

Specimen Deliveries to the MDH Laboratories for the Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving Day Holidays 2025

The MDH Laboratories will be operating 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 11, 2025 (Veterans Day)	Open for Clinical specimens 7:30 am-3:00 pm
	Open for Newborn specimens 7:30 am-3:00 pm
Thursday, November 27, 2025 (Thanksgiving Day)	CLOSED
Friday, November 28, 2025 (American Indian Heritage Day)	Open for Clinical specimens 7:30 am-3:00 pm Open for Newborn specimens 7:30 am-3:00 pm
Saturday, November 29	Closed for Clinical specimens Open for Newborn specimens 7:30 am-2:00 pm

* Newborn specimens will be received until 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 29, 2025.

* **CLOSED** for Clinical Specimen deliveries on Saturday, November 29, 2025

MDH Eastern Shore Regional Laboratory (ESRL)

Tuesday, November 11, 2025 (Veterans Day)	CLOSED
Thursday, November 27, 2025 (Thanksgiving Day)	CLOSED
Friday, November 28, 2025 (American Indian Heritage Day)	CLOSED
Saturday, November 29	CLOSED

MDH Western Maryland Regional Laboratory (WMRL)

Tuesday, November 11, 2025 (Veterans Day)	CLOSED
Thursday, November 27, 2025 (Thanksgiving Day)	CLOSED
Friday, November 28, 2025 (American Indian Heritage Day)	CLOSED
Saturday, November 29	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>