

MLS Laboratory Update: MDH-Public Health Laboratory Hours of Operation for the Thanksgiving Holiday

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Purpose of this Message:

This message is to notify MLS laboratories and other healthcare partners about the hours of operations for the MDH-Public Health Laboratory (MDH-PHL) during the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Information:

Receipt of specimens and lab testing at MDH-PHL

1. Thursday (11/24/22) – Thanksgiving Holiday, MDH-PHL will be closed
2. Friday (11/25/22) – MDH-PHL Specimen Receiving will be open 8:00am – 12:00pm
 - a. No routine testing at Infectious Disease Laboratory (IDL)
 - b. The TB Lab will be processing specimens and reporting smear results
 - c. Newborn Screening will be performing testing
3. Saturday (11/26/22) – MDH-PHL Specimen Receiving will be open 8:00am – 12:00pm
 - a. No routine testing at IDL
 - b. Newborn Screening will be performing testing

If your Microbiology laboratory needs emergency Infectious Disease testing, call 24/7 the on-call phone at 612-282-3723.

For questions about newborn screening, contact the on-call genetic counselor at 651-201-3548.

Facilities that rely on UPS or FedEx to send samples to MDH: there will be no routine pick up or delivery on Thursday (11/24). All deliveries need to be received by 12:00pm Friday (11/25) and Saturday (11/26).

Wishing you a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

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