MLS Laboratory Update: Labor Day Weekend MDH-PHL Hours of Operation

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Purpose of this Message:

To notify MLS labs of the hours of operation for the Minnesota Department of Health-Public Health Laboratory (MDH-PHL) for Labor Day Weekend.

Action Item:

Please review the following information.

Additional Information:

Receipt of Specimens and Lab Testing at MDH-PHL:

MDH-PHL will be closed for routine laboratory testing on Monday, September 1.

1. Infectious Disease and Newborn Screening specimens will be accepted on Saturday (8/31) from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.
2. The receiving dock will be closed Monday (9/1). No Infectious Disease or Newborn Screening specimens will be accepted.
3. Infectious Disease and Newborn Screening staff will not be performing testing on Monday (9/1).

FedEx and UPS have modified schedules for the holiday weekend. Neither will be doing pick-ups on Monday (9/1). If your facility uses these services, please plan accordingly.

If your laboratory needs emergency Infectious Disease testing, call the on-call phone 24/7 at 612-282-3723. For questions about Newborn Screening, contact the on-call genetic counselor at 651-201-3548.

We hope you have a happy and healthy Labor Day weekend!

Questions: Please contact:

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