



# MLS Laboratory Update: Memorial Day Holiday 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 the Memorial Day Holiday weekend.

## Action Item:

Please review the following information and share with your staff.

## Receipt of Specimens and Lab Testing at MDH-PHL:

MDH-PHL will be closed for routine laboratory testing on Monday, May 25.

- Infectious Disease and Newborn Screening specimens will be accepted on Saturday (5/23) from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.
- The receiving dock will be closed Monday (5/25). No Infectious Disease or Newborn Screening specimens will be accepted.
- Infectious Disease and Newborn Screening staff **will not** be performing testing on Monday (5/25).

**FedEx and UPS have modified schedules for the holiday weekend. Neither will be doing pick-ups or deliveries on Monday (5/25). 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 holiday weekend,

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