



**MLS: Laboratory Update
UPS Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule -
Transport of Newborn Screening Specimens
Receipt of Influenza Specimens
November 18, 2009**



Purpose of this Message:

To inform you of the need to plan ahead for UPS pick up and delivery for Newborn Screening Specimens during the Thanksgiving Holiday, and to notify you of hours of operation of the MDH – Public Health Laboratory (PHL).

Facilities that rely on regular UPS pick-up to send samples to MDH (or other laboratories) need to be aware of UPS Thanksgiving schedule.

- Thursday, November 26th (Thanksgiving), no UPS pickup or delivery
- Friday, November 27th delivery of UPS air packages only. Automatic daily pickup service not provided. **Pickup for air shipments AVAILABLE if PREARRANGED by Wednesday November 25th (Please call them if you send your newborn screens by UPS.)**
- Saturday service is unchanged.

Receipt of Specimens into the MDH-PHL

MDH will be closed on Thanksgiving, Thursday (11/26) and Friday (11/27). However, there will be staff available to receive samples from UPS and couriers on Friday (11/27) and Saturday (11/28). Minnesota Department of Health, newborn screening and influenza testing laboratory staff will be working on Friday and Saturday.

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Thank you and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

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