

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

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Purpose of this Message:

To notify MLS laboratories and other healthcare partners about the hours of operation for the MDH-Public Health Laboratory (MDH-PHL) during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Action Items: None.

Receipt of Specimens and Lab Testing at MDH-PHL:

MDH-PHL will be closed for most routine infectious disease testing for the Thanksgiving Holiday: Thursday (11/23) and Friday (11/24). However, the following will apply:

1. The MDH-PHL Specimen Receiving Area will be open to receive samples on Friday (11/24) and Saturday (11/25) from 8:00 am-12:00 pm.
2. The TB Lab will be processing specimens and reporting smear results on Friday (11/24).
3. MDH newborn screening laboratory staff will be performing testing on Friday (11/24) and Saturday (11/25).

If your Microbiology laboratory needs urgent 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.

Facilities that rely on UPS or FedEx to send samples to MDH: there will be no routine pick up or delivery on Thursday (11/23). Normal pickup and delivery will resume Friday (11/24).

Wishing you a happy and healthy Thanksgiving,

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