

# MLS Laboratory Update: President's Day Holiday Hours of Operation for MDH-PHL

**February 7, 2023**

## **Purpose of this Message:**

To notify MLS labs of the hours of operation for the Minnesota Department of Health-Public Health Laboratory (MDH-PHL) on the President's Day holiday (Monday, February 20).

## **Action Item:**

Please review the following information and plan your specimen shipments accordingly.

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

MDH-PHL will be closed for most routine laboratory testing on President's Day (Monday, February 20). However, the following will apply:

1. The MDH-PHL Specimen Receiving Area will be open to receive samples on Monday (2/20) from 8:00 am-12:00 pm.
2. MDH Newborn Screening Laboratory staff will be performing testing on Monday (2/20).
3. Rabies specimens will not be received, and rabies testing will not be performed on Monday (2/20). Please hold all rabies specimens at your facility and send Tuesday, (2/21).

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.

Thank you,

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