



MLS Laboratory Update: MDH-PHL Holiday Hours of Operation for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 14, 2026

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 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Monday, January 19).

Action Item:

Please review the following information.

Receipt of Specimens and Lab Testing at MDH-PHL:

MDH-PHL will be closed for most routine laboratory testing on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Monday, January 19). However, the following will apply:

- The MDH-PHL Specimen Receiving Area will be open to receive samples on Monday (1/19) from 8:00 am-12:00 pm.
- MDH Newborn Screening Laboratory staff will be performing testing on Monday (1/19).
- Rabies specimens will not be received, and rabies testing will not be performed on Monday (1/19).

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,

Ashley Riskedahl,
Outreach Coordinator, Minnesota Laboratory System
651-201-5998
ashley.riskedahl@state.mn.us

THIS IS AN UPDATE FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY (MDH-PHL) AND THE MINNESOTA LABORATORY SYSTEM (MLS). THIS MESSAGE IS BEING SENT TO MLS LABORATORY CONTACTS SERVING MINNESOTA RESIDENTS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE.

****PLEASE FORWARD THIS TO ALL APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL WITHIN YOUR INSTITUTION AND HEALTH SYSTEM****

THE CONTENT OF THIS MESSAGE IS INTENDED FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL AND RESPONSE PARTNERS WHO HAVE A NEED TO KNOW THE INFORMATION TO PERFORM THEIR DUTIES. IT IS FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY. DO NOT DISTRIBUTE BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT GROUPS AS DESCRIBED IN THIS MESSAGE.

Minnesota Laboratory System
Minnesota Department of Health, Public Health Laboratory
601 Robert St. N, St. Paul, MN 55164-0899
651-201-5200
health.mnlabssystem@state.mn.us
www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/idlab/mls/index.html

To obtain this information in a different format, call: 651-201-5200.