



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

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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 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,

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