



MLS Laboratory Update: July 4th Holiday MDH- PHL Hours of Operation

June 24, 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 the July 4th Holiday.

Action Item:

Please review the following information.
Receipt of Specimens and Lab Testing at MDH-PHL:

MDH-PHL will be closed for routine laboratory testing on Friday, July 3.

- The MDH-PHL receiving dock will be open on Friday (7/3) 8:00am to 12:00pm.
- Infectious Disease or Newborn Screening specimens will be accepted.

MDH-PHL will be closed on Saturday, July 4th.

If your laboratory needs emergency Infectious Disease testing, contact 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.

FedEx and UPS may have modified schedules for Friday (7/3), and no regular pick-ups on Saturday (7/4). If your facility uses these services, please plan accordingly.

We hope that you have a happy and healthy July 4th!

Questions: Please contact:
Ashley Riskedahl Outreach Coordinator
ashley.riskedahl@state.mn.us
651-201-5998

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 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.mnlabsystem@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.