DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MLS Laboratory Update: Memorial Day Weekend–MDH-PHL Hours of Operation

MAY 19, 2022

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 2022 Memorial Day Holiday Weekend (May 28-May 30).

Action Item:

Please be aware of the MDH-PHL Memorial Day Weekend hours of operation and plan any shipments to MDH accordingly.

Receipt of Specimens and Laboratory Testing at MDH-PHL:

The MDH-PHL Specimen Receiving laboratory will be open to receive samples on Saturday (5/28) from 8:00 am-12:00 pm.

NOTE: Specimen Receiving WILL NOT be open to receive specimens on Monday (5/30).

MDH-PHL will be closed for most routine laboratory testing on Monday (5/30) Specimens received for diagnostic testing will be reported out on Tuesday.

Additional Information:

If your Microbiology 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 and we hope that you have a safe and healthy Memorial Day weekend.

Rosemary Collins, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}

Outreach Coordinator, Minnesota Laboratory System

651-201-5575

rose.collins@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.mnlabsystem@state.mn.us www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/idlab/mls/index.html

5/19/22

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