

Audience: All Submitting Facilities

AGENCY NEWS



Good Afternoon,

The Public Health Laboratory will be closed for holidays on the following dates:

2022:

- Friday, November 11 (Veterans Day)
- Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25 (Thanksgiving)
- Monday & Tuesday, December 26 & 27 (Christmas)

2023:

- Monday, January 2 (New Year's Day)
- Monday, January 16 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
- Monday, February 20 (Presidents' Day)
- Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day)
- Tuesday, July 4 (Independence Day)
- Monday, September 4 (Labor Day)
- Friday, November 10 (Veterans Day)
- Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24 (Thanksgiving)
- Monday & Tuesday, December 25 & 26 (Christmas)

Please see below for specimen testing guidance during the breaks in service.

2022

Friday, November 11 (Veterans Day)

The Public Health Laboratory will be closed for holiday on Friday, November 11.

Tuesday, November 8 is the final day to send COVID-19 PCR diagnostic specimens before the holiday. COVID-19 diagnostic specimens collected Wednesday, November 9 through Thursday, November 10 should be tested with a rapid, non-PCR test only.

COVID PCR testing will resume in the PHL on Monday, November 14.

Non-COVID specimens (e.g., Newborn screening, STI) collected during the week will be processed normally starting on Monday, November 14. COVID sequencing (not diagnostic) specimens should be forwarded to the PHL as usual.

Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25 (Thanksgiving)

The Public Health Laboratory will be closed for holidays on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25.

Friday, November 18 is the final day to send COVID-19 PCR diagnostic specimens before the holiday. COVID-19 diagnostic specimens collected Monday, November 21 through Wednesday, November 23 should be tested with a rapid, non-PCR test only.

COVID PCR testing will resume in the PHL on Monday, November 28.

Non-COVID specimens (e.g., Newborn screening, STI) collected during the week will be processed normally starting on Monday, November 28. COVID sequencing (not diagnostic) specimens should be forwarded to the PHL as usual.

Monday & Tuesday, December 26 & 27 (Christmas)

The Public Health Laboratory will be closed for holidays on Monday, December 26 through Tuesday, December 27.

Tuesday, December 20 is the final day to send COVID-19 PCR diagnostic specimens before the holiday. COVID-19 diagnostic specimens collected Wednesday, December 21 through Friday, December 23 should be tested with a rapid, non-PCR test only.

COVID PCR testing will resume in the PHL on Wednesday, December 28.

Non-COVID specimens (e.g., Newborn screening, STI) collected during the week will be processed normally starting on Wednesday, December 28. COVID sequencing (not diagnostic) specimens should be forwarded to the PHL as usual.

2023

Monday, January 2 (New Year's Day)

The Public Health Laboratory will be closed for holiday on Monday, January 2.

Wednesday, December 28 is the final day to send COVID-19 PCR diagnostic specimens before the holiday. COVID-19 diagnostic specimens collected Thursday, December 29 through Friday, December 30 should be tested with a rapid, non-PCR test only.

COVID PCR testing will resume in the PHL on Tuesday, January 3.

Non-COVID specimens (e.g., Newborn screening, STI) collected during the week will be processed normally starting on Tuesday, January 3. COVID sequencing (not diagnostic) specimens should be forwarded to the PHL as usual.

Monday, January 16 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

The Public Health Laboratory will be closed for holiday on Monday, January 16.

Wednesday, January 11 is the final day to send COVID-19 PCR diagnostic specimens before the holiday. COVID-19 diagnostic specimens collected Thursday, January 12 through Friday, January 13 should be tested with a rapid, non-PCR test only.

COVID PCR testing will resume in the PHL on Tuesday, January 17.

Non-COVID specimens (e.g., Newborn screening, STI) collected during the week will be processed normally starting on Tuesday, January 17. COVID sequencing (not diagnostic) specimens should be forwarded to the PHL as usual.

Monday, February 20 (Presidents' Day)

The Public Health Laboratory will be closed for holiday on Monday, February 20.

Wednesday, February 15 is the final day to send COVID-19 PCR diagnostic specimens before the holiday. COVID-19 diagnostic specimens collected Thursday, February 16 through Friday, February 17 should be tested with a rapid, non-PCR test only.

COVID PCR testing will resume in the PHL on Tuesday, February 21.

Non-COVID specimens (e.g., Newborn screening, STI) collected during the week will be processed normally starting on Tuesday, February 21. COVID sequencing (not diagnostic) specimens should be forwarded to the PHL as usual.

Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day)

The Public Health Laboratory will be closed for holiday on Monday, May 29.

Wednesday, May 24 is the final day to send COVID-19 PCR diagnostic specimens before the holiday. COVID-19 diagnostic specimens collected Thursday, May 25 through Friday, May 26 should be tested with a rapid, non-PCR test only.

COVID PCR testing will resume in the PHL on Tuesday, May 30.

Non-COVID specimens (e.g., Newborn screening, STI) collected during the week will be processed normally starting on Tuesday, May 30. COVID sequencing (not diagnostic) specimens should be forwarded to the PHL as usual.

Tuesday, July 4 (Independence Day)

The Public Health Laboratory will be closed for holiday on Tuesday, July 4.

Thursday, June 29 is the final day to send COVID-19 PCR diagnostic specimens before the holiday. COVID-19 diagnostic specimens collected Friday, June 30 through Monday, July 3 should be tested with a rapid, non-PCR test only.

COVID PCR testing will resume in the PHL on Wednesday, July 5.

Non-COVID specimens (e.g., Newborn screening, STI) collected during the week will be processed normally starting on Wednesday, July 5. COVID sequencing (not diagnostic) specimens should be forwarded to the PHL as usual.

Monday, September 4 (Labor Day)

The Public Health Laboratory will be closed for holiday on Monday, September 4.

Wednesday, August 30 is the final day to send COVID-19 PCR diagnostic specimens before the holiday. COVID-19 diagnostic specimens collected Thursday, August 31 through Friday, September 1 should be tested with a rapid, non-PCR test only.

COVID PCR testing will resume in the PHL on Tuesday, September 5.

Non-COVID specimens (e.g., Newborn screening, STI) collected during the week will be processed normally starting on Tuesday, September 5. COVID sequencing (not diagnostic) specimens should be forwarded to the PHL as usual.

Friday, November 10 (Veterans Day)

The Public Health Laboratory will be closed for holiday on Friday, November 10.

Tuesday, November 7 is the final day to send COVID-19 PCR diagnostic specimens before the holiday. COVID-19 diagnostic specimens collected Wednesday, November 8 through Thursday, November 9 should be tested with a rapid, non-PCR test only.

COVID PCR testing will resume in the PHL on Monday, November 13.

Non-COVID specimens (e.g., Newborn screening, STI) collected during the week will be processed normally starting on Monday, November 13. COVID sequencing (not diagnostic) specimens should be forwarded to the PHL as usual.

Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24 (Thanksgiving)

The Public Health Laboratory will be closed for holidays on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24.

Friday, November 17 is the final day to send COVID-19 PCR diagnostic specimens before the holiday. COVID-19 diagnostic specimens collected Monday, November 20 through Wednesday, November 22 should be tested with a rapid, non-PCR test only.

COVID PCR testing will resume in the PHL on Monday, November 27.

Non-COVID specimens (e.g., Newborn screening, STI) collected during the week will be processed normally starting on Monday, November 27. COVID sequencing (not diagnostic) specimens should be forwarded to the PHL as usual.

Monday & Tuesday, December 25 & 26 (Christmas)

The Public Health Laboratory will be closed for holidays on Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26.

Tuesday, December 19 is the final day to send COVID-19 PCR diagnostic specimens before the holiday. COVID-19 diagnostic specimens collected Wednesday, December 20 through Friday, December 22 should be tested with a rapid, non-PCR test only.

COVID PCR testing will resume in the PHL on Wednesday, December 27.

Non-COVID specimens (e.g., Newborn screening, STI) collected during the week will be processed normally starting on Wednesday, December 27. COVID sequencing (not diagnostic) specimens should be forwarded to the PHL as usual.

If you have any questions, please contact PublicHealthLab@health.ok.gov.

Thank you,

PHL Staff