

Referrals (Sendout Testing) Update – Holiday Shipping Reminder

Orderables: QUANTIFERON TB GOLD PLUS [LAB1230343]
 MRD FLOW CYTOMETRY [LAB1232189]
 FETAL RBC QUANTIFICATION [LAB1231547]
 MISCELLANEOUS LAB TEST [LAB000]

In observance of Christmas Eve/Christmas Day (December 24th and 25th) **and** New Year’s Eve/New Year’s Day (December 31st and January 1st) please note the following restrictions related to reference (“send out”) laboratory tests:

Test	Christmas Eve/Christmas Day (Dec 24-25)	New Year’s Eve/New Year’s Day (Dec 31 - Jan 1st)
QUANTIFERON TB GOLD PLUS	Do not draw after 12pm* on Tuesday, December 24 th – Wednesday, December 25 th <i>*Samples must be received in the Main Lab (CSC 6) by 2pm for same-day shipment to reference laboratory.</i>	Do not draw after 12pm* on Tuesday, December 31 st – Wednesday, January 1 st <i>*Samples must be received in the Main Lab (CSC 6) by 2pm for same-day shipment to reference laboratory.</i>
MRD FLOW CYTOMETRY; FETAL RBC QUANTIFICATION; MISCELLANEOUS LAB TEST; All other time-sensitive reference lab tests	Specimens received in the Pathology Referrals area after 2pm on Monday, December 23 rd through Wednesday, December 25 th will not be shipped to the testing laboratory until Thursday, December 26 th (for delivery scheduled on December 27 th).	Specimens received in the Pathology Referrals area after 2pm on Monday, December 30 th through Wednesday, January 1 st will not be shipped to the testing laboratory until Thursday, January 2 nd (for delivery scheduled on January 3 rd).

Explanation:

FedEx and UPS will not be operating on Wednesday, December 25th or on Wednesday, January 1st. Additionally, several reference laboratories will be closed and unable to accept shipments on Tuesday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 31st. To prevent delays that could compromise sample integrity – such as exceeding age or temperature requirements for testing – the shipment schedule to reference laboratories has been modified accordingly.

Before specimen collection, please review the reference laboratory’s website for specific details on sample stability, storage, and transport requirements.

Pathology Referrals will be **closed** on Tuesday, December 24th – Wednesday December 25th **and** December 31st – January 1st.

For questions, please contact Pathology Client Services at 804-828-7284 (8-PATH).