

Referrals (Sendout Testing) Update – FedEx & UPS Shipping Disruption due to Winter Storm Fern

Hazardous winter weather associated with Winter Storm Fern is disrupting national transportation networks, including operations at the FedEx hub in Memphis, Tennessee, and the UPS Worldport hub in Louisville, Kentucky. To prevent delays that could compromise sample integrity, the shipment schedule to reference laboratories has been modified. Pathology Referrals will resume shipping when delays are minimal.

Explanation:

Winter Storm Fern is forecast to bring snow, sleet, freezing rain, and hazardous conditions across portions of the Midwest, Tennessee Valley, Ohio Valley, and Mid-Atlantic regions. These conditions are impacting national carrier hubs, including Memphis (FedEx) and Louisville (UPS), which serve as critical transit points for nationwide shipments. **Even areas not directly impacted by the storm may experience delays due to network-wide disruptions. 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.**

Effective Friday, January 23, 2026:

- **Pathology Referrals will hold all reference laboratory samples for shipment (e.g., ARUP, Mayo Clinic Laboratories, CareDx, University of Washington, etc.) until FedEx and UPS operations stabilize and minimal disruptions are reported.**
- **Delay collection of time-sensitive specimens, when clinically feasible.**

Most tests submitted to LabCorp are not currently impacted, however the following commonly ordered LabCorp tests are affected:

- PAROXYSMAL NOCTURNAL HEMOGLOBINURIA (PNH) PROFILE [LAB1230322]
- MYD88 MUTATION DETECTION PCR [LAB1232874]

Labcorp is actively monitoring the weather conditions and will advise on any service impacts; all specimens will be stored appropriately in the interim.

For sample stability, storage, and transport requirements, please refer to the applicable reference laboratory website or contact Pathology Referrals.

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