

HOLIDAY CONSIDERATIONS



Important considerations

Local courier service (pickup and delivery) may be limited prior to, during and following observed holidays in the country to which you are shipping specimens. It is imperative that you check local service schedules in advance of the holiday. Listed below are important considerations when planning your patient visits during the holidays.

- Your courier service reserves the right to observe earlier than usual pick-up times during the holidays. Call your courier service for local pick-up schedules.
- During the December/National holidays, schedule your pickups in advance of the holiday where possible.
- Call early in the day to schedule your pickup.
- When a holiday is observed on Monday, avoid laboratory collections on the preceding Saturday (i.e. Labor Day). (Not applicable to Japan)
- Frozen specimens should NOT be shipped on the day before the observed holiday.
Send frozen specimens on the next available business day. (Not applicable to Japan)
- If shipping specimens on Friday, mark airway bill for Saturday delivery. (Not applicable for Japan)
- Specimens with short stabilities (eg. lymphocyte subsets, reticulocyte counts, etc.) should not be collected on the day prior to the holiday. (Not applicable to Japan)
- For sites with 24 hours delivery time to Labcorp Central Laboratory Services, do not schedule any shipment 24 hours before one of the dates on the next pages. (Not applicable for Japan)
- For sites with 48 hours delivery time to Labcorp Central Laboratory Services, do not schedule any shipment 48 hours before one of the dates on the next pages. (Not applicable for Japan)

Holiday reminders are also available on the Labcorp Central Laboratory Services website:
<https://drugdevelopment.labcorp.com/content/dam/covance/pdf/holidays.pdf>

LABCORP CENTRAL LABORATORY SERVICES OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

US, Canada, Puerto Rico and Latin America (specimens sent to Indianapolis)

2023	2024	2025	
02 January	01 January	01 January	New Year's Day (Obs)
29 May	27 May	26 May	Memorial Day
04 July	04 July	04 July	Independence Day (Obs)
04 September	02 September	01 September	Labor Day
23 November ¹	28 November ¹	27 November ¹	Thanksgiving Day
25 December	25 December	25 December	Christmas Day (Obs)

For sites in US and Canada

If you ship specimens on a Thursday that is a holiday in the United States, you should mark "Saturday delivery" on the airway bills.

¹ Limited operations within Labcorp Central Laboratory Services this day due to Thanksgiving period.

Europe, Middle East and Africa (specimens sent to Geneva)

2023	2024	2025	
01 January	01 January	01 January	New Year's Day
07 April ¹	29 March ¹	18 April ¹	Good Friday
10 April	01 April	21 April	Easter Monday
18 May	09 May	29 May	Ascension Day
29 May	20 May	09 June	Whit Monday
01 August	01 August	01 August	Swiss National Day
07 September	05 September	11 September	Jeûne Genevois
25 December	25 December	25 December	Christmas Day
31 December	31 December	31 December	Restauration de la République

¹ Limited operations within Labcorp Central Laboratory Services this day due to Easter Good Friday period.

LABCORP CENTRAL LABORATORY SERVICES OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

Asia, Australia and New Zealand (specimens sent to Singapore)

2023	2024	
01 January	01 January	New Year's Day
22 January	10 February	Chinese New Year
23 January	11 February	Chinese New Year
24 January	12 February	Chinese New Year (Observed)
07 April	29 March	Good Friday
22 April	10 April	Hari Raya Puasa
01 May	01 May	Labour Day
02 June	22 May	Vesak Day
29 June	17 June	Hari Raya Haji
09 August	09 August	National Day
12 November	01 November	Deepavali
25 December	25 December	Christmas Day

Taiwan Customs are closed on Saturday/Sunday.

If a holiday falls on a Sunday, the following day is treated as a holiday instead.

China (specimens sent to Shanghai)

2023	2024	
01 January	01 January	New Year's Day (Holiday)
21 - 27 January	09 - 15 February	Spring Festival
05 April	04 - 05 April	Tsingming Festival
01 May	29 April - 01 May	Labor Day
22 - 23 June	10 June	Dragon Boat Festival
29 September	17 - 18 September	Mid-Autumn Festival
01 - 07 October	01 - 07 October	National Holiday

If a holiday falls on a Saturday, please defer to the following Monday.

The courier may be ordered any calendar day of the year. However, as much as possible, please avoid shipping samples on Saturdays and Sundays.

LABCORP CENTRAL LABORATORY SERVICES OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

Japan (specimens sent to Tokyo)

2023

2024

01 January	01 January	New Year's Day
02 January		New Year's Day (Observed)
09 January	08 January	Coming of age Day
11 February	11 February	National Foundation Day
	12 February	National Foundation Day (Observed)
23 February	23 February	Emperor's Birthday
21 March	20 March	Vernal Equinox
29 April	29 April	Showa Day
03 May	03 May	Constitution Memorial Day
04 May	04 May	Greenery Day
05 May	05 May	Children's Day
17 July	15 July	Marine Day
11 August	11 August	Mountain Day
	12 August	Mountain Day (Observed)
18 September	16 September	Respect of the Aged Day
	22 September	Autumnal Equinox
23 September	23 September	Autumnal Equinox (Observed)
09 October	14 October	Health and Sports Day
03 November	03 November	Culture Day
	04 November	Culture Day (Observed)
23 November	23 November	Labour Thanksgiving Day

Please Note:

(1) With the exception of New Year Bank Holidays, if a holiday falls on a Sunday, the following day is treated as a holiday instead.

(2) When there is a single day between two national holidays, it's also taken as a holiday.

(3) When September 21 will be the Respect for the Aged Day and September 23 will be the Autumnal Equinox Day, the day sandwiched between the Respect for the Aged Day and the Autumnal Equinox Day (22) is regarded as a national holiday due to a provision of the Act on National Holidays.