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# Memo

**To:** All North Carolina Local Health Departments

**From:** Scott M. Shone, PhD, HCLD (ABB), Director, State Laboratory of Public Health

**Date:** January 13, 2022

**Re:** Courier Schedules and Sample/Specimen Transport – Martin Luther King Jr. Day 2022

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Please be advised the State Courier will be closed for operation on Monday, January 17, 2022 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The State Courier will resume picking up specimens from facilities on Tuesday, January 18.

UPS and FedEx will operate normally on Monday, January 17.

**The NCSLPH will be open on Monday, January 17, 2022 and accepting specimens.**

Alternate shipping methods (i.e., private couriers) may be used to transport specimens to NCSLPH for testing.

Sites should ensure that specimens and samples are stored using the proper conditions until the State Courier resumes normal business operations. Please refer to our [SCOPE Appendix A](#) for detailed specimen storage requirements, or our [handout for clinical specimens](#). Improperly stored or transported specimens may be rejected for testing. The NCSLPH will request recollection of specimens if needed for testing.

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