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Memo

To: Submitters to the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health

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

Date: January 12, 2026

Re: Courier Schedules and Sample/Specimen Transport – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, 2026

The North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health (NCSLPH) DOA Medical Courier **will not operate** on Monday, January 19, 2026, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. **UPS will not operate on Monday, January 19, 2026.** **FedEx will operate** on Monday, January 19, 2026. The NCSLPH DOA Medical Courier services will resume normal operations on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

DOA Medical Courier:

1. **Will not** pick up specimens on Monday, January 19, 2026.
2. **Will** resume normal operations on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

The NCSLPH will accept specimens for testing on Monday, January 19, 2026.

Please refer to NCSLPH [SCOPE Appendix A](#) or the [NCSLPH Specimen Storage and Shipping Guide](#) for detailed specimen storage requirements. Submitters must ensure that specimens and samples are stored using the proper conditions until the above couriers resume normal operations. Improperly stored or transported specimens may be rejected for testing. NCSLPH will request recollection of specimens if needed for testing. Please remember to notify DOA Medical Courier and SLPH if you are submitting frozen specimens for pickup on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, via email to slph.courier@dhhs.nc.gov. If you have any questions, please contact NCSLPH Customer Service at 919-733-3937, or call DOA Medical Courier Dispatch at 984-236-7160.

If submitters need courier bags, labels, or other specimen/sample submission supplies, they can be ordered on the NCSLPH Mailroom Supply Portal (<https://slphreporting.dph.ncdhhs.gov/labportal/>).

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