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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: November 18, 2025

Re: Courier Schedules and Sample/Specimen Transport – Thanksgiving Day, 2025

The North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health (NCSLPH) DOA Medical Courier **will not operate** on Thursday, November 27, 2025, and Friday, November 28, 2025, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. **UPS** and **FedEx** **will be closed** on Thursday, November 27, 2025. UPS and FedEx **will operate** on Friday, November 28, 2025. The NCSLPH DOA Medical Courier services will resume normal operations on Monday, December 1, 2025.

DOA Medical Courier:

1. **Will** deliver specimens picked up on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, to NCSLPH by Thursday, November 27, 2025.
2. **Will not** pick up specimens on Thursday, November 27, 2025, or Friday, November 28, 2025.
3. **Will** resume normal operations on Monday, December 1, 2025.

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 Monday, December 1, 2025, 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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