

Shipping Considerations Holidays

To avoid delays when shipping during the holiday season, we recommend that you plan ahead and follow these recommendations.

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 important that you check local service schedules in advance of the holiday.

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 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.*
- Frozen specimens should NOT be shipped on the day before the observed holiday. Send frozen specimens on the next available business day.*
- Specimens with short stabilities (e.g. lymphocyte subsets, reticulocyte counts, etc.) should not be collected on the day prior to the holiday.*
- For sites with 24 hours delivery time to Labcorp Central Laboratory Services, do not schedule any shipment 24 hours before one of the dates mentioned in the Labcorp Central Laboratory Services Holidays page of this manual.*
- For sites with 48 hours delivery time to Labcorp Central Laboratory Services, do not schedule any shipment 48 hours before one of the dates mentioned in the Labcorp Central Laboratory Services Holidays page of this manual.*

* Not applicable for China or Japan

Holiday reminders are also available on the website:

<https://www.labcorp.com/biopharma/central-labs/trial-management/resources>

Labcorp Central Laboratory Services Observed Holidays

US, CANADA, PUERTO RICO AND LATIN AMERICA (SPECIMENS SENT TO INDIANAPOLIS)

2025	2026	
01 January	01 January	New Year's Day
26 May	25 May	Memorial Day
04 July		Independence Day
	03 July	Independence Day (Obs)
01 September	07 September	Labor Day
27 - 28 November *	26 - 27 November *	Thanksgiving Day
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.

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

EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA (SPECIMENS SENT TO GENEVA)

2025	2026	
01 January	01 January	New Year's Day
18 April ¹	03 April ¹	Good Friday
21 April	06 April	Easter Monday
29 May	14 May	Ascension Day
09 June	25 May	Whit Monday
01 August	01 August	Swiss National Day
11 September	10 September	Jeûne Genevois
25 December	25 December	Christmas Day
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)

2025	2026	
01 January	01 January	New Year's Day
29 January	17 February	Chinese New Year
30 January	18 February	Chinese New Year Holiday
31 March	20 March	Hari Raya Puasa
18 April	03 April	Good Friday
01 May	01 May	Labour Day
12 May	31 May	Vesak Day
07 June	27 May	Hari Raya Haji
09 August	09 August 10 August	National Day National Day Holiday
20 October	08 November 09 November	Deepavali Deepavali Holiday
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)

2025	2026	
01 January	01 January - 02 January	New Year's Day (Holiday)
28 January - 04 February	16 February - 22 February	Spring Festival
04 April - 06 April	05 April - 06 April	Ching Ming Festival
01 May - 05 May	01 May	Labor Day
31 May - 02 June	19 June	Dragon Boat Festival
01 - 08 October	25 September	National Holiday and Mid-Autumn Festival
	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)

2025	2026	
01 January	01 January	New Year's Day
13 January	12 January	Coming of age Day
11 February	11 February	National Foundation Day
23 February	23 February	Emperor's Birthday
24 February		Emperor's Birthday (Observed)
20 March	20 March	Vernal Equinox
29 April	29 April	Showa Day
03 May	03 May	Constitution Memorial Day
05 May	04 May	Greenery Day
06 May		Greenery Day (Observed)
05 May	05 May	Children's Day
21 July	20 July	Marine Day
11 August	11 August	Mountain Day
15 September	21 September	Respect of the Aged Day
23 September	23 September	Autumnal Equinox
13 October	12 October	Health and Sports Day
03 November	03 November	Culture Day
24 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.