To all our public health partners -

We would like to inform you that the Missouri State Public Health Laboratory (MSPHL) will modify our Friday courier pick-up schedule, effective November 1, 2025. Rising costs associated with providing this service and recent adjustments to our federal funding levels have made it necessary to reduce the level of services offered to maintain our operating budget.

Starting November 7th, our Friday courier routes will exclusively service 50 courier locations based on our holiday and weekend routes. You will find this information at <a href="https://health.mo.gov/lab/courierservices.php">https://health.mo.gov/lab/courierservices.php</a>.

Please note that the courier pick-up schedules from Monday through Thursday will not be altered. All submitters will still have the option to deliver their specimens to locations where the courier will conduct pickups on Friday. We encourage you to use our <u>courier location map</u> to determine other suitable location options for potential Friday pick-up, if needed.

We acknowledge that this change may affect the manner in which you deliver services in your respective areas. We sincerely appreciate your understanding and support as we endeavor to preserve this vital component of our public health system for the future.

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