

COVID-19 Specimen Delivery

March 17, 2020

1. COVID-19 specimens MUST be

- received refrigerated if received for testing within 72 hours of specimen collection.
- received frozen at -20°C and on dry ice if receipt will occur after 72 hours of specimen collection.

2. COVID-19 specimens may be submitted to the Mississippi Public Health Laboratory (MPHL) by

- Dropping off specimens at a local MSDH clinic Monday- Friday for overnight delivery to the MPHL. Contact your local MSDH clinic prior to dropping off a specimen to confirm the clinic's hours of operation. If an alternate MSDH drop-off location is required, contact the MSDH Office of Field Services at 601-576-7951 for assistance
- Dropping off specimens directly at the MPHL, Monday-Sunday, 8am-4:30 pm. See the MPHL delivery map and instructions below

