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Des Moines Laboratory Update

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MercyOne COVID Pre-Procedural Screening Center Holiday Hours

The MercyOne COVID Pre -Procedure Screening Center at 303 University Ave. will be adjusting its hours for Memorial day weekend. The holiday hours can be seen below and are included within the attached, updated collection site brochure. Please be mindful of these changes in hours as you schedule patients for procedures around the holiday weekend.

May/June						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22	23 Closed	24	25	26 Closed	27 Closed	28 Closed
29	30 Closed Memorial Day	31	1	2 Closed	3 Closed	4

MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory Patient Service Centers Holiday Hours

The following MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory Patient Service Centers will be closed on May 30, 2022 for Memorial Day.

May/June						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 Closed	23	24	25	26	27	28 Closed
29 Closed	30 Closed Memorial Day	31	1	2	3	4 Closed

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MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory Client Survey

If you haven't had the opportunity to complete our Client Satisfaction Survey, click on the link below. This short survey can be completed in less than 5 minutes. The survey link will remain open until May 31st, 2022. We look forward to seeing your feedback.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mercydesmoineslab>

Chlamydia/Gonorrhea DNA Collection for Non-Genital or Non Urine Sources

Aptima tubes, which are used for the collection of non-genital, non-urine specimen types for Chlamydia/Gonorrhea (MCTGC), are now available to order in our client supply portal. The item name is Aptima Specimen Collection Kit (Item ID 000034). Due to the previous manufacturer backorder, we were accepting Cobas swabs and running these specimens with a disclaimer since these specimen sources were not validated. Since Aptima swabs are now available, please resume appropriate collection of these sources so validated test results can be reported.

ThinPrep Pap and CTNG DNA Swab Specimen Collection

Recently, MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory has been experiencing increased contaminants when performing Pap testing which can impact patient results. This can be due to a number of factors, but is most often caused by an excess or incompatible lubricant used during the collection process.

Hologic, the ThinPrep manufacturer, evaluated a variety of popular lubricants and found those containing **carbomer or Carbopol polymers** (thickening agents) interfere with the ThinPrep Pap test when found in the sample vial. These same agents also impact Chlamydia trachomatis and Neisseria Gonorrhoeae DNA (CTNG DNA) tests when collected via swab. Hologic recognizes the varying availability of different types of lubricants and recommends that, if used, any lubricant should be applied sparingly.

For specific instructions on the collection of Pap specimens, please refer to the Cytology Sample Collection and Transport guide on our website:

<https://www.mercyone.org/desmoines/find-a-service-or-specialty/lab-services/for-clients/>

Specimen Aliquot Tubes

When submitting aliquoted specimens, please note the specimen (serum vs. plasma) and/or the original tube type on the aliquot label. This helps ensure that testing is being performed on the correct specimen type.

Thank you for choosing MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory.