

Sci-Tech (Craven Arms Site)

Laboratory Operations

The laboratory will be running a full analytical service until **Tuesday 21st December**. On subsequent days, there will be cut off times and dates for certain services to enable results to be processed before Christmas.

Monday 20th December	Normal laboratory service
Tuesday 21st December	Normal laboratory service
Wednesday 22nd December	Last day for PCR testing cut off at 9am, all other testing as usual, cut off 3pm
Thursday 23rd December	Last day for microbiology and waters analysis – 3pm cut off
Friday 24th December	Only Salmonella testing setup available – 10:30am cut off for eggs, and 12:30 cut off for other Salmonella samples
Saturday 25th December	Laboratory closed
Sunday 26th December	Laboratory closed
Monday 27th December	Bank holiday
Tuesday 28th December	Bank holiday
Wednesday 29th December	All services available 10:30am cut off for eggs and 12:30 for all other samples.
Thursday 30th December	All services available - 9am cut off for PCR samples; 10:30am cut off for eggs and 12:30 cut off for all other samples.
Friday 31st December	Only Salmonella testing setup available – 10:30am cut off for eggs, and 12:30 cut off for other Salmonella samples
Saturday 1st January 2022	Laboratory closed
Sunday 2nd January 2022	Laboratory closed
Monday 3rd January	Bank holiday
Tuesday 4th January	Normal laboratory services resume

The Serological samples received at Craven Arms that are forwarded to the Dungannon site will be running as usual until **Thursday the 16th of December**. The Dungannon site will be receiving samples until the 21st, however please note that after the 16th these will need to be sent directly to the Dungannon laboratory.

To adhere to required time frames, please send samples by courier or special delivery during this period to ensure they arrive at the laboratory on the days indicated above. Samples already in the system will be processed over the holiday period as usual. However, results will only be available on the dates we are open.

All consumable kits must be ordered by **Friday 18th December** at the latest. Please bear in mind these may be delayed in reaching you due to postal delays over the holiday period. Should you need to contact us on a matter of urgency during this period, please leave a telephone message for David Petrie-Dolphin on **07525 100985**, Maxine Markus on **07710 712664**, or Rebecca Spalding on **07385 411322**.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your colleagues a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year.