

Sci-Tech (Craven Arms Site)

Laboratory Operations

The laboratory will be running a full analytical service until **Tuesday 20th December**. On subsequent days, there will be cut off times and dates for certain services to enable results to be processed before Christmas.

Monday 19th December	Normal laboratory service
Tuesday 20th December	Normal laboratory service
Wednesday 21st December	Last day for microbiology and water analysis - testing cut off at 11am for eggs, 3pm cut off for all other testing
Thursday 22nd December	Only Salmonella testing setup available – last day for egg testing
Friday 23rd December	Only Salmonella testing setup available – 12:30 cut off for Salmonella samples
Saturday 24th December	Only Salmonella testing for pre-agreed samples – cut off time 11am
Sunday 25th December	Laboratory closed
Monday 26th December	Bank holiday – laboratory closed
Tuesday 27th December	Bank holiday – laboratory closed
Wednesday 28th December	All services available – 10:30am cut off for eggs and 12:30 for all other samples.
Thursday 29th December	All services available – 10:30am cut off for eggs and 12:30 cut off for all other samples.
Friday 30th December	Only Salmonella testing setup available – no egg testing, 12:30 cut off for other Salmonella samples. Last day for microbiology, water and egg testing until the New Year
Saturday 31st December 2022	Only Salmonella testing for pre-agreed samples – cut off time 11am
Sunday 1st January 2023	Laboratory closed
Monday 2nd January 2023	Bank holiday – laboratory closed
Tuesday 3rd January 2023	Normal laboratory services resume

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 **Monday 19th 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**.

Serological samples received at Craven Arms that are forwarded to the **Dungannon site** will be running as usual **until Thursday 15th December**. The Dungannon site will be receiving samples until the 21st. However, please note that after the 15th these will need to be sent directly to the Dungannon laboratory. Normal service will resume on **Tuesday 3rd January**.

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