

Christmas & New Year Arrangements 2023-2024



Sci-Tech (Craven Arms Site)

Laboratory Operations

The laboratory will be running a full analytical service until **Wednesday 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 18th December	Normal laboratory service
Tuesday 19th December	Normal laboratory service
Wednesday 20th December	Last day for Microbiology and Water analysis – testing cut off at 11am for Eggs, 3pm cut off for all other testing
Thursday 21st December	Only Salmonella testing setup available – last day for Egg testing
Friday 22nd December	Only Salmonella testing setup available – 12:30 cut off for Salmonella sample receipt
Saturday 23rd December	Laboratory closed
Sunday 24th December	Laboratory closed
Monday 25th December	Christmas Day bank holiday – laboratory closed
Tuesday 26th December	Boxing Day bank holiday – laboratory closed
Wednesday 27th December	All services available – 10:30am cut off for all samples
Thursday 28th December	All services available – 10:30am cut off for all samples
Friday 29th December	Only Salmonella testing setup available – no egg testing, 10:30 cut off for other Salmonella samples
Saturday 30th December	Laboratory closed
Sunday 31st December	Laboratory closed
Monday 1st January	New Year's Day bank holiday – laboratory closed
Tuesday 2nd January	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 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 Shane Chebsey on **07843 443340**.

Serological samples received at Craven Arms that are forwarded to our **Dungannon site** will be running as usual until **Monday 13th December**. Dungannon will be receiving samples until **Tuesday 19th December**. However, please note that after the 15th these will need to be sent directly to the Dungannon laboratory. Normal service will resume on **Tuesday 2nd January 2024**.

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