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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please note the laboratory will be closed on Thursday 25th & Friday 26th December 2025; Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd January 2026.

All samples, including those despatched by courier/taxi, should reach the department no later than 12:30pm on Wednesday 24th December & Wednesday 31st December.

Arrangements for MPO & PR3 / GBM antibody testing

Routine MPO/PR3/GBM antibody assays will be run on the following days:

- Monday 22nd December
- Tuesday 23rd December
- Wednesday 24th December
- Monday 29th December
- Tuesday 30th December
- Wednesday 31st December

Any samples received after 12:30pm will be analysed the next working day.

Normal service will resume from Monday 5th January 2026.

Urgent samples – contact the laboratory to discuss and ensure appropriate testing is arranged. A limited facility for **urgent MPO/PR3/GBM antibody screens (for routine users of this service only)** will be available on the morning of Saturday 27th December 2025 and Saturday 3rd January 2026. It is, unfortunately, not possible to provide a service outside of these times. **Requests for urgent MPO/PR3/GBM antibodies should originate from the Consultant responsible for the patient and be made to the on-call Duty Immunologist (contact via switchboard).** This contact must be made between 9am – 12pm on Thursday 25th or Friday 26th December (for testing to be performed on morning of Saturday 27th December) or between 9am – 12pm on Thursday 1st or Friday 2nd January (for testing to be performed on morning of Saturday 3rd January)

Arrangements for Lymphocyte Subsets

Samples should be received by 12:30pm on the following days:

- Wednesday 24th December
- Wednesday 31st December

Please note due to the festive period we will be operating with fewer staff. We will aim to continue normal service as far as possible, but please do call the laboratory to discuss any urgent samples.