

Newcastle Microbiology and Virology Services

Microbiology/Serology Services

Date	Service Provision	On-call
Thursday 24/12/26	**Business as usual**	8pm-8am
Friday 25/12/26	**Urgent Requests Only***	8am-8am
Saturday 26/12/26	**8am - 1pm * (Reduced Service)**	1pm-8am
Sunday 27/12/26	**8am - 1pm * (Reduced Service - No Routine Serology)**	1pm-8am
Monday 28/12/26	**8am - 1pm * (Reduced Service)**	1pm-8am
Tuesday 29/12/26	**Business as usual**	8pm-8am
Wednesday 30/12/26	**Business as usual**	8pm-8am
Thursday 31/12/26	**Business as usual**	8pm-8am
Friday 01/01/27	**8am - 1pm * (Reduced Service - No Routine Serology)**	1pm-8am
Saturday 02/01/27	**8am - 1pm * (Reduced Service)**	8pm-8am
Sunday 03/01/27	**8am - 1pm * (Reduced Service - No Routine Serology)**	1pm-8am
Monday 04/01/27	**Business as usual**	1pm-8am

NB: All samples requring investigations for Needlestick Injuries MUST be phoned to the on-call BMS to ensure results are available within 24hrs*

Mycobacteriology Services

Date	Service Provision
Thursday 24/12/26	**Business as usual**
Friday 25/12/26	**No routine testing**
Saturday 26/12/26	**8am - 1pm * (Reduced Service)**
Sunday 27/12/26	**No routine testing**
Monday 28/12/26	**8am - 1pm * (Reduced Service)**
Tuesday 29/12/26	**Business as usual**
Wednesday 30/12/26	**Business as usual**
Thursday 31/12/26	**Business as usual**
Friday 01/01/27	**No routine testing**
Saturday 02/01/27	**8am - 1pm * (Reduced Service)**
Sunday 03/01/27	**No routine testing**
Monday 04/01/27	**Business as usual**

NB: Any requests for urgent AAFB staining should be telephoned and sample received before 11:30 am for same day result*

Molecular Services

Date	Service Provision
Thursday 24/12/26	**Business as Usual**
Friday 25/12/26	**No routine testing**
Saturday 26/12/26	**8am - 1pm* Viral Respiratory panel/ Viral CSF/ ACE PCR**
Sunday 27/12/26	**No routine testing**
Monday 28/12/26	**8am - 1pm* Viral Respiratory panel/ Viral CSF (HSV/VZV/enterovirus/parechovirus)**
Tuesday 29/12/26	**Business as usual**
Wednesday 30/12/26	**Business as usual**
Thursday 31/12/26	**Business as usual**
Friday 01/01/27	**No routine testing**
Saturday 02/01/27	**8am - 1pm* Viral Respiratory panel/ Viral CSF/ ACE PCR**
Sunday 03/01/27	**No routine testing**
Monday 04/01/27	**Business as usual**

NB: Urgent SARS-CoV-2/Influenza testing remains available 24/7 via the RVI Hot Lab. Virology samples must be at the FRH by 8:30 am*