

The Microbiology laboratory opening hours for routine work are as follows

Monday – Friday 09:00 – 17:30

Saturday 08:00 – 16:30

Sunday 08:00 – 12:00

Outside these hours the laboratory operates an On Call system. If you require samples to be processed urgently out of hours please contact the On Call Biomedical Scientist via the RDE Switchboard.

[Getting Specimens to the Microbiology Laboratory](#)

Routine Specimens

Monday – Friday

During routine working hours specimens can be sent via the pneumatic tube (POD) to station 2900

Alternatively, there are regular collections by porters from all ward areas throughout the day

Weekends and Out of Hours

The POD station 2900 is **closed** during this time and there are **no routine porter collections**.

Please send all specimens to the high throughput laboratory (A2) via the POD system (2912)

There are regular porter collections from A2 to Microbiology throughout the weekend.

Urgent Specimens Out of Hours

Please contact the On call BMS and arrange for a porter to bring the specimen to Microbiology (Old Pathology Building)