

The Microbiology laboratory opening hours for routine work are as follows

Monday – Friday 08:00 – 18:00

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

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 (via A2).

Urgent Specimens

During routine working hours please contact the laboratory on ext 2962 (or via switchboard). Specimens can be sent via the pneumatic tube (POD) to station 2900. Alternatively arrange for a porter to collect the specimen and bring directly to Microbiology (Old Pathology Building).

Out of Hours

The POD station 2900 is **closed** after 10pm. Please send all specimens to the high throughput laboratory (A2) via the POD system (2912).

During this time there are **no routine porter collections**.

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).