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**SWOG Biospecimen Bank – Solid Tissue, Myeloma,
and Lymphoma Division (Lab# 201) HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

The SWOG Biospecimen Bank (Solid Tissue, Myeloma, and Lymphoma Division, Lab# 201) will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. If a surgery is scheduled for Monday, July 4th, please store frozen tissue per protocol instructions until tissue can be sent on Tuesday, July 5th. If specimens are collected on Friday or over the holiday weekend, please store them according to protocol instructions and ship Tuesday. Specimens that do not need to be sent via overnight courier service (e.g. slides or paraffin blocks) may be sent as usual.

The SWOG Biospecimen Bank will be staffed Saturday, July 2nd to receive and process only ambient-temperature whole blood, bone marrow, and urine. No frozen specimens or paraffin-embedded tissue should be shipped for Saturday delivery. If Saturday delivery is intended, be sure to select "Saturday Delivery" and use the Priority Overnight service when creating a FedEx airbill.

Avoid sending large batch shipments of any type during the holiday week. Please hold large batches of specimens and ship to the Bank on or after July 11th.

Please call the Bank at 800-347-2486 or email bpccbank@nationwidechildrens.org if you have any questions.

**SWOG Biospecimen Bank – Leukemia Division (Lab# 200)
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

The SWOG Biospecimen Bank - Leukemia Division (Lab# 200) will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

The laboratory will be open to process specimens on Saturday, July 2nd. If specimens are collected on Friday, please ship them via FedEx Priority Overnight. When shipping on Friday, please check *Saturday Delivery* on the FedEx air bill. Remember to contact the Bank (614-722-2866 or mglab@nationwidechildrens.org) before shipping specimens that will arrive on Saturday.

If specimens are collected over the holiday weekend, please store them according to protocol instructions and ship on Tuesday.

If you have any questions regarding the shipping of leukemia specimens, please contact the Bank at 614-722-2866.