

HOLIDAY CONSIDERATIONS



Important considerations

Local courier service (pickup and delivery) may be limited prior to, during and following observed holidays in the country to which you are shipping specimens. It is imperative that you check local service schedules in advance of the holiday. Listed below are important considerations when planning your patient visits during the holidays.

- Your courier service reserves the right to observe earlier than usual pick-up times during the holidays. Call your courier service for local pick-up schedules.
- During the December/National holidays, schedule your pickups in advance of the holiday where possible.
- Call early in the day to schedule your pickup.
- When a holiday is observed on Monday, avoid laboratory collections on the preceding Saturday (i.e. Labor Day). (Not applicable to Japan)
- Frozen specimens should NOT be shipped on the day before the observed holiday. Send frozen specimens on the next available business day. (Not applicable to Japan)
- If shipping specimens on Friday, mark airway bill for Saturday delivery. (Not applicable for Japan)
- Specimens with short stabilities (eg. lymphocyte subsets, reticulocyte counts, etc.) should not be collected on the day prior to the holiday. (Not applicable to Japan)
- For sites with 24 hours delivery time to Covance, do not schedule any shipment 24 hours before one of the dates on the next pages. (Not applicable for Japan)
- For sites with 48 hours delivery time to Covance, do not schedule any shipment 48 hours before one of the dates on the next pages. (Not applicable for Japan)

Holiday reminders are also available on the Covance website:
<https://www.covance.com/content/dam/covance/pdf/holidays.pdf>

COVANCE OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

US, Canada, Puerto Rico and Latin America (specimens sent to Indianapolis)

2021	2022	2023	
01 January	01 January	01 January	New Year's Day
31 May	30 May	29 May	Memorial Day
05 July	04 July	04 July	Independence Day (Obs)
06 September	05 September	04 September	Labor Day
25 November ¹	24 November ¹	23 November ¹	Thanksgiving Day
25 December	25 December	25 December	Christmas Day

For sites in US and Canada

If you ship specimens on a Thursday that is a holiday in the United States, you should mark "Saturday delivery" on the airway bills.

¹ Limited operations within Covance this day due to Thanksgiving period.

Europe, Middle East and Africa (specimens sent to Geneva)

2021	2022	2023	
01 January	01 January	01 January	New Year's Day
02 April ¹	15 April ¹	07 April ¹	Good Friday
05 April	18 April	10 April	Easter Monday
13 May	26 May	18 May	Ascension Day
24 May	06 June	29 May	Whit Monday
01 August	01 August	01 August	Swiss National Day
09 September	08 September	07 September	Jeûne Genevois
25 December	25 December	25 December	Christmas Day
31 December	31 December	31 December	Restauration de la République

¹ Limited operations within Covance this day due to Easter Good Friday period.

COVANCE OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

Asia, Australia and New Zealand (specimens sent to Singapore)

2021

01 January	New Year's Day
12 February	Chinese New Year
13 February	Chinese New Year
02 April	Good Friday
01 May	Labour Day
13 May	Hari Raya Puasa
26 May	Vesak Day
20 July	Hari Raya Haji
09 Aug	National Day
04 November	Deepavali
25 December	Christmas Day

Taiwan Customs are closed on Saturday/Sunday.

If a holiday falls on a Sunday, the following day is treated as a holiday instead.

China (specimens sent to Shanghai)

2021

01 - 03 January	New Year's Day (Holiday)
11 - 17 February	Spring Festival
03 - 05 April	Tsingming Festival
01 - 05 May	Labor Day
12 - 14 June	Dragon Boat Festival
19 - 21 September	Mid-Autumn Festival
01 - 07 October	National Holiday

If a holiday falls on a Saturday, please defer to the following Monday.

The courier may be ordered any calendar day of the year. However, as much as possible, please avoid shipping samples on Saturdays and Sundays.

COVANCE OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

Japan (specimens sent to Tokyo)

2021

01 January
11 January
11 February
23 February
20 March
29 April
03 May
04 May
05 May
19 July
11 August
20 September
23 September
11 October
03 November
23 November

2022

01 January
10 January
11 February
23 February
21 March
29 April
03 May
04 May
05 May
18 July
11 August
19 September
23 September
10 October
03 November
23 November

New Year's Day
Coming of age Day
National Foundation Day
Emperor's Birthday
Vernal Equinox
Showa Day
Constitution Memorial Day
Greenery Day
Children's Day
Marine Day
Mountain Day
Respect of the Aged Day
Autumnal Equinox
Health and Sports Day
Culture Day
Labour Thanksgiving Day

Please Note:

(1) With the exception of New Year Bank Holidays, if a holiday falls on a Sunday, the following day is treated as a holiday instead.

(2) When there is a single day between two national holidays, it's also taken as a holiday.

(3) When September 21 will be the Respect for the Aged Day and September 23 will be the Autumnal Equinox Day, the day sandwiched between the Respect for the Aged Day and the Autumnal Equinox Day (22) is regarded as a national holiday due to a provision of the Act on National Holidays.