

Reference: PVL December 2026 closure

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Dear Western Cape Provincial Veterinary Laboratory client

CLOSURE OF LABORATORY: 21 DECEMBER 2026 TO 1 JANUARY 2027

Kindly note that the Provincial Veterinary Laboratory will be closed during the festive season for the period 21 December 2026 to and including 1 January 2027. Services will resume on Monday, 4 January 2027.

FINAL DATES FOR RECEIVING SAMPLES FOR TESTING IN 2026

Laboratory Section	Test	Last date for receiving samples in 2026
Bacteriology	All tests	4 December 2026
Biochemistry	All tests	4 December 2026
Chemical Residues	All tests	4 December 2026
Food Safety	All tests	4 December 2026
Histopathology	All tests	27 November 2026
Parasitology	All tests	4 December 202
PCR	All tests	9 December 2026
Serology	Avian Influenza ELISA	4 December 2026
	Avian Influenza HI	4 December 2026
	Newcastle Disease HI	4 December 2026
	<i>Brucella abortus</i> RBT & CFT	4 December 2026
	<i>Brucella melitensis</i> RBT & CFT	4 December 2026
	<i>Brucella ovis</i> CFT	4 December 2026
	Dourine CFT	4 December 2026
Virology	All tests	23 November 2026
Post mortem	All	20 November 2026

Please note that any sample received after the dates listed above, and before the date of closure, will be stored under controlled conditions, and only processed once testing resumes. The laboratory will not be held accountable for any sample that has degraded and became unsuitable for testing due to prolonged storage. No sample receiving service will be available

after the closure date. Do take the normally delivery period of your courier company into account when dispatching final samples to ensure that the samples arrive in time.

Rabies: During the period of closure arrangements for post mortem examination of suspected Rabies cases can be made by contacting Dr. Tasneem Anthony on 021 808 7537

We wish all our clients an incredibly happy festive season.

Regards,



Dr. Nolvuyo Magadla

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