



# Update on Department of Forensic Sciences Operating Status during COVID-19 Emergency

## What is our operating status?

Along with the rest of District government, our agency remains open. DFS provides vital services that require all employees to continue work as usual, with operational work taking place on site, and paperwork taking place via telework.

## How does this impact what we do?

- **Public Health Lab** – increased operations. The Public Health Lab has increased staffing and extended hours of operation to respond to the District's Public Health Emergency.
- **Crime Scene Sciences** – no changes.
- **Forensic Science Laboratory** – no changes.

## How does this impact our physical locations?

- **The Consolidated Forensic Laboratory** – remains open Monday - Friday from 9:00 am - 5:30 pm. **DFS continues to operate 24/7.**
- **Public Lab Tours are cancelled until further notice.**

## What else are we offering to meet your needs?

- The Public Health Lab has increased staffing and extended hours of operation to perform the testing to respond to the District's Public Health Emergency.

## What precautions are we taking to limit the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19)?

Our employees are taking precautions to keep themselves healthy and limit the spread of infections like regularly washing their hands, cleaning facilities more frequently, and reducing close contact with each other and residents. Employees have been asked to let their supervisor know immediately if they feel sick.

## Where should you go if you have questions?

For questions about any of the services we provide and information on any future changes, please contact us at 202-727-8267 or [ContactDFS@dc.gov](mailto:ContactDFS@dc.gov). For more information, please visit [coronavirus.dc.gov](https://coronavirus.dc.gov).