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Laboratories Administration
Robert A. Myers, PH.D., Director

DATE: March 27, 2015

TO: Medical Laboratory Directors
Local Health Officers
Environmental Health Officers
Health Care Providers

FROM: Robert A. Myers, Ph.D. RAM
Director, Laboratories Administration

RE: Change of Location and Telephone Numbers

During April of 2015 the Laboratories Administration is relocating the Central Laboratory in two phases to our new facility that is situated adjacent to the Johns Hopkins Medical Campus in east Baltimore. Most of our laboratory operations will be transferring from our current location beginning Thursday, April 16th through Sunday, April 19th. The remainder of the laboratory units that by the nature of their work are required to maintain stricter continuity of operations (e.g. Rabies, Newborn Screening) will move in a second phase April 29th to May1st.

Accordingly, beginning on Monday, April 20, 2015 all specimens and samples are to be delivered to our new laboratory at **1770 Ashland Avenue, Baltimore MD 21205**. Attached is a local street map with directions to the loading dock from our current location.

Our telephone numbers will also be changing effective on April 20th. Initially calls placed to old contact numbers will be transferred automatically to the new number. Attached is an abbreviated new phone number listing of the major organizational units within the Laboratories Administration. A central call center **(443-681-3800)** will be activated on the morning of April 20th to redirect your calls to the new contact numbers. Our email addresses will remain unchanged.

We have made contingency plans to maintain the continuity of operations to assure the timely testing of critical specimens and samples. However, you could experience temporary delays in receiving results from some non-time sensitive tests. Please contact our testing laboratory units directly if you have any questions or concerns about the availability of specific testing services during this period of transition. Additionally, we would ask that you refrain from requesting the Laboratories Administration to participate in drills or exercises until at least early June.

We thank you for your patience and cooperation during this time of change and look forward to continuing to serve you from our new state-of-the-art laboratory facility.

Attachment: Direction & Maps, Telephone Contacts

Maryland DHMH Laboratories Administration
1770 Ashland Avenue Baltimore MD 21205

Contact Information Effective April 20, 2015

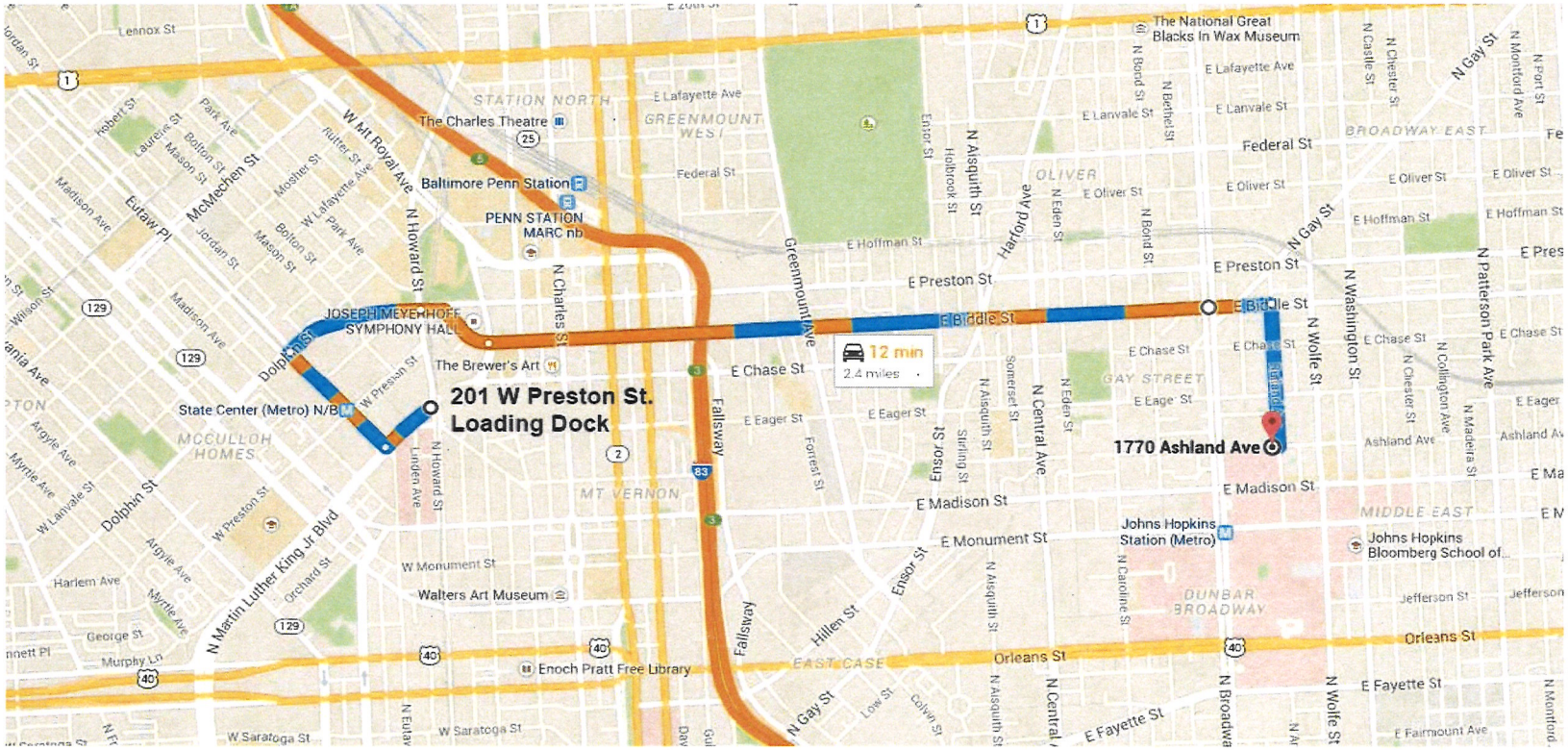
Main Phone No: (443) 681-3800

Director's Office	**Dr. Robert Myers (Director)**	**(443) 681-3800**
Fiscal Administration	Kenneth Keys, Jr	3810
	Marilyn Sheppard	3811
Office of Laboratory Emergency Preparedness & Response	James Svrjcek	3787
Scientific Programs	**Dr. Prince Kassim (Deputy Director)**	**3851**
Division of Environmental Chemistry	**Dr. Prince Kassim (Chief)**	**3851**
Radiation Lab **Inorganics Lab**	Debbie Miller-Tuck (Manager)	3852
Organics Analytical Lab	Sadia Muneem	3857
Air Quality Lab	Shahla Ameli	3855
Trace Metals Lab	Shahla Ameli	3855
Division of Newborn & Childhood Screening	**Dr. Fizza Gulamali-Majid (Chief)**	**3900**
	Tina Wiegand (Manager)	3901
Division of Public Health Microbiology	**Dr. Jafar Razeq (Chief)**	**3940**
TB Mycobacteriology & Mycology	Richard Oatis	3944
Diagnostic Micro GI/GU/EIP	Damini Jain	3943
Environmental Micro	Yvonne Tai-Sen-Choy (Manager)	3942
BT	Judy Walls	3945

Division of Virology & Immunology	**Dr. Maria Carlos (Chief)**	**3930**
Hepatitis Vaccine Preventable Diseases	Dr. Leena Trivedi	3933
STS/Microbial Serology	Thomas Lawson	3931
Virus Isolation/Chlamydia Program	Kenneth Okogi	4547
Rabies-Zoonotic Disease	Kenneth Okogi	3934
Division of Molecular Biology	**Dr. Robert Myers (Chief)**	**3800**
Retrovirology Program	Michelle Rand (Manager)	3871
Molecular Viral Disease Assessment Program	Mark Massey	3872
Molecular Epidemiology Program	Jonathan Johnston	3873
Molecular Diagnostic Program	Naomi Barker	3923
Core Sequencing Lab	Julie Haendiges	3874
Administrative & Support Services	**Jennifer Barnhart (Deputy Director)**	**3800**
Office of Laboratory Support Services	Denise Shackleford	3820
Office of Information Management Service	Steven Montgomery	3780
Safety Officer & Training Coordinator	Rachel Michael	3792
Office of Quality Systems & Maintenance	Heather Peters	3791

Directions From 201 Loading Dock to New Location, 1770 Ashland Ave. Baltimore, Md. 21205

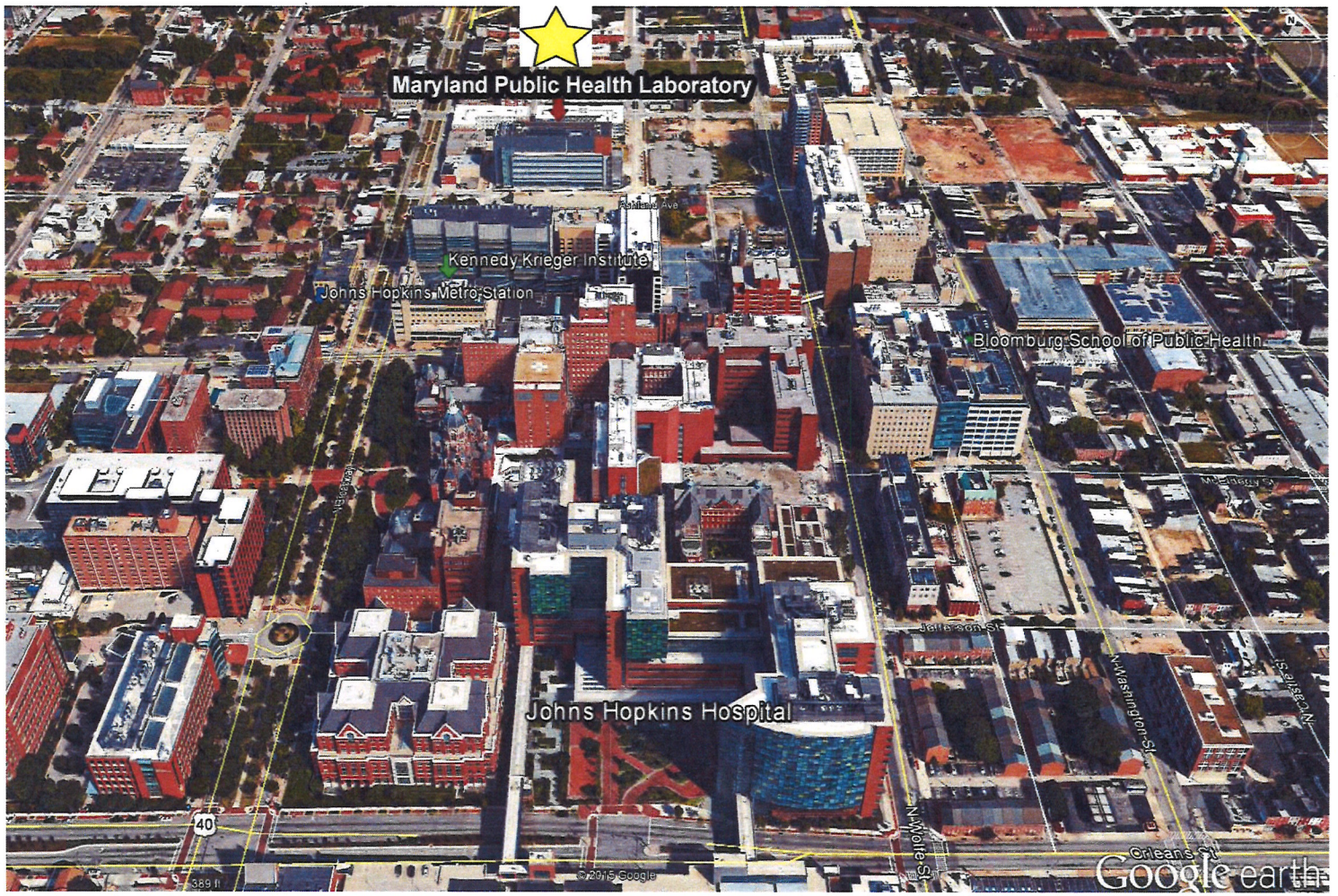
- Head southwest on N Martin Luther King Jr Blvd toward N Eutaw St
- Turn right onto N Eutaw St
- Turn right onto Dolphin St
- Continue onto Park Ave
- Continue onto W Biddle St
- Turn right onto Rutland Ave (For entrance to loading dock, turn right off Rutland, in rear of building)
- Turn right onto Ashland Ave



Directions to New Maryland Public Health Laboratory Located at 1770 Ashland Ave Baltimore Md. 21205

From Philadelphia:

I-95 South to Baltimore; Through Ft. McHenry Tunnel, Take the Moravia Rd E exit, EXIT 14, toward Pulaski Hwy, Turn left onto Moravia Rd., Merge onto Pulaski Hwy / US-40 W. Turn slight right onto E Monument St. E Monument St becomes E Madison St., Turn right onto Rutland Ave., Take the 1st left onto Ashland Ave. , 1770 ASHLAND AVE is on the right.



From Washington, DC

I-95 North toward Baltimore, Take the Russell St N exit, EXIT 52, Merge onto MD-295 / Russell St via the ramp on the left, Take Russell St toward I-95, Take the ramp toward MLK Jr Blvd, Merge onto Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Turn right onto W Mulberry St, W Mulberry St becomes Orleans St / US-40 E, Turn left onto N Broadway, Turn Right onto Ashland Ave, 1770 ASHLAND AVE is on the

From North of Baltimore:

Take I-83 South toward Baltimore, Merge onto I-695 E via the exit on the left toward Towson / New York, Take EXIT 35A toward US-40 W / Pulaski Hwy / Baltimore., Turn slight right onto E Monument St. E Monument St becomes E Madison St., Turn right onto Rutland Ave., Take the 1st left onto Ashland Ave. 1770 ASHLAND AVE is on the right.

Directions to DHMH Laboratories Administration, New Maryland Public Health Laboratory Located at 1770 Ashland Ave Baltimore Md. 21205, Effective April 20, 2015

FROM THE NORTH OR ON I-95

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FROM THE SOUTH ON I-95

I-95 North toward Baltimore, Take the Russell St N exit, EXIT 52, Merge onto MD-295 / Russell St via the ramp on the left, Take Russell St toward I-95, Take the ramp toward MLK Jr Blvd, Merge onto Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Turn right onto W Mulberry St, W Mulberry St becomes Orleans St / US-40 E, Turn left onto N Broadway, Turn Right onto Ashland Ave, 1770 ASHLAND AVE is on the left

FROM THE NORTH ON I-83

Take I-83 South toward Baltimore, Merge onto I-695 E via the exit on the left toward Towson / New York, Take EXIT 35A toward US-40 W / Pulaski Hwy / Baltimore., Turn slight right onto E Monument St. E Monument St becomes E Madison St., Turn right onto Rutland Ave., Take the 1st left onto Ashland Ave. 1770 ASHLAND AVE is on the right.

FROM THE WEST ON I-70

Take I-70 East to I-695 South toward Glen Burnie. Follow I-695 South to I-95 North. Follow I-95 Take the Russell St N exit, EXIT 52, Merge onto MD-295 / Russell St via the ramp on the left, Take Russell St toward I-95, Take the ramp toward MLK Jr Blvd, Merge onto Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Turn right onto W Mulberry St, W Mulberry St becomes Orleans St / US-40 E, Turn left onto N Broadway, Turn Right onto Ashland Ave, 1770 ASHLAND AVE is on the left

FROM ANNAPOLIS AND VICINITY ON I-97

Follow I-97 North toward Baltimore. Exit at the Baltimore Beltway (I-695) West toward Towson. Continue on I-695 to I-95 North. From I-95, Take the Russell St N exit, EXIT 52, Merge onto MD-295 / Russell St via the ramp on the left, Take Russell St toward I-95, Take the ramp toward MLK Jr Blvd, Merge onto Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Turn right onto W Mulberry St, W Mulberry St becomes Orleans St / US-40 E, Turn left onto N Broadway, Turn Right

BALTIMORE METRO

The Baltimore Metro runs from Johns Hopkins to Owings Mills. Get off the Subway at the Johns Hopkins stop. Take the escalator, or elevator, to the top, Walk north on Broadway to Ashland Ave. Take right on Ashland, walk to address 1770, on left.

Main entrance is located at the corner of Ashland Ave. and Rutland Ave. Enter building at first level from front. Sign in at the lobby security desk; obtain a visitor's badge with valid photo I.D. An escort will meet you from this point.