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HFSC LIMS SHUTDOWN

HFSC will be shutdown between November 14 to November 19 as it transitions to a cloud-based system

The Houston Forensic Science Center will have a two-day shutdown in three disciplines as it transitions its Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) to a cloud-based environment.

The shutdown November 14 and November 15 will impact operations in seized drugs, latent prints and digital forensics. The plan is to be back online and fully operational November 19.

If during this time there is a rush request, please either call 713-929-6760 or email triage@houstonforensicscience.org.

This transition is part of HFSC's move to a new LIMS and the creation of a user-friendly portal for requests. HFSC plans to go live with its new portal at the end of the year as the rest of its operations also begin working in the new LIMS.

Although the move to a new system has been painful both internally and externally, HFSC believes the long-term outcome will be beneficial for staff and stakeholders.

The new LIMS will allow HFSC to increase efficiency in some areas and more easily gather data that helps manage overall operations.

The portal will provide stakeholders an easy-to-use interface to submit their evidence and provide HFSC with the information it needs to complete the requested analysis. By answering questions on the front-end, HFSC analysts will be able to get right to work rather than spend time tracking down requesters for the additional information required to do the analysis.

HFSC plans to be fully transitioned to the new LIMS and the portal by the first quarter of 2019.