

NEWBORN SCREENING NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 20, 2013



Lab Operations during the Holidays

The Newborn Screening Laboratory will be open for business Monday through Saturday with the exceptions of Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

Newborn screening samples will be picked up by Mercury Services couriers every day except November 28, December 25 and January 1.

Mercury Services has asked that samples be ready for pick up by 12:00 PM (Noon) on both Friday, November 29th and Saturday, November 30th. If your hospital is normally scheduled earlier than 12:00 PM; please be ready at your normal time of pick up. Pick up time for holidays in December has not yet been determined.

If you know that you will not have newborn screening samples on either November 29 or 30th, please call Mercury Services at 937-546-8923 to cancel the pick-up.

Helpful hints for Shipping Newborn Screening Samples

- Check the expiration date (bottom left) to make sure kit is not expired.
- Check both front and back of filter paper to confirm that blood has saturated card.
- Check that demographics are completed and correct before shipping. Results are inconclusive if birth weight, birth time or date, or collection time or date is missing.
- Ship kits every day except Sundays and major holidays (New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas).
- Never use staples or tape on kits. If demographics or blood card has detached, secure together with a paperclip.
- Samples should be stacked in a pile and neatly placed in envelope. Please do not fold or roll samples when placing them in the envelope for shipping.
- Order envelopes when you order kits. The same order form is used for ordering both.

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