

NEWBORN SCREENING NEWSLETTER AUGUST 31, 2016



Lab Operations during the Labor Day Holiday

The Newborn Screening Laboratory will be closed Monday, Sept 5 in observance of Labor Day.

Priority Dispatch will be running courier routes per usual on the Sunday before the holiday. Please have your newborn screening samples ready at your normal time of pick up. Do not hold samples over the long weekend.

Newborn screening samples will not be picked up by Priority Dispatch couriers on Monday, Sept 5. Courier service will resume as normal at 5:00 AM on Tuesday, Sept 6.

Please contact Priority Dispatch at (800) 817-4844 if you have questions or need to make arrangements about your pick-up time.

Newborn Screening Specimen Quality Monitoring

Hospitals were mailed quarterly reports detailing the facility's performance on quality indicators for newborn screening. If you have not received this report please call ODH lab at 888-634-5227.

Timeliness of shipping newborn screening specimens to the Ohio Newborn Screening Lab continues to be a concern. Please ship all specimens immediately after adequate drying time. Do not hold specimens for missing data such as name of primary care provider. If data is missing, ship the specimen and fax (614-644-4648) a newborn screening correction when the missing data is available.

Newborn Screening Supplies

Newborn Screening shipping envelopes can be ordered from Ohio Department of Health with the kit order form. There is no charge for envelopes. The order form can be printed from the Ohio Newborn Screening website in the FAQs section: "How to order the blood collection card"

Krabbe inserts and "Krabbe Refusal" stickers are now available to be ordered through the Ohio Department of Health. The order form can be printed from the Ohio Newborn Screening website in the Resources section: "Brochure Order Form"

Shipping labels for envelopes should be requested from Priority Dispatch - please contact Priority Dispatch if your supply of shipping labels is low. Please do not use old shipping labels provided by the previous courier (Mercury). Priority Dispatch can be contacted at 800-817-4844.

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