

NEWBORN SCREENING NEWSLETTER

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Lab Operations during the Holidays

The Newborn Screening Laboratory will be open for business during the holidays Monday through Saturday with the exception of Thanksgiving Day.

During Thanksgiving week, newborn screening samples will be picked up by Priority Dispatch couriers Sunday through Wednesday and on Friday. There will be no courier service on Thanksgiving Day. Envelopes containing newborn screening specimens should be ready for pick-up at the usual time on both Wednesday, November 23 and Friday, November 25.

Courier service will be modified during the two weeks of the winter holidays (December 18 - January 2). Priority Dispatch will be running its courier routes Monday through Saturday during this timeframe. Instead of the regular Sunday pick-ups, Priority will be picking-up envelopes on Saturday, December 24 and Saturday, December 31. There will be no courier service on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. On December 24, 26, 31 and January 2, Priority Dispatch will be following the Sunday pick-up schedule. A representative from Priority Dispatch will contact your facility directly if the time of your pick-up is to be altered during the holidays. The normal courier pick-up schedule will resume on Tuesday, January 3.

If you know that you will not have newborn screening samples for pick-up, please call Priority Dispatch 800-817-4844 to cancel the pick-up.

Reporting Missed Newborn Screens

According to the Ohio Revised Code 3701.501 and Administrative Code 3701-55 *Newborns screened for genetic, endocrine, and metabolic disorders*, every newborn infant should have a newborn screening specimen collected by the birth facility prior to discharge. Parents are allowed to refuse newborn screening only if screening conflicts with the family's religious beliefs. Despite the medical staff's best intentions, some newborns leave the birth facility without being screened.

In an effort to track how many infants are not being screened and to facilitate screening at a later date, the Ohio Newborn Screening Program is asking birth facilities to report any infants born at the facility who have not received newborn screening. The attached form "Report of Missed Newborn Screen (HEA 6323)" should be used for this purpose. This form should be used if the baby died, was transferred to another facility, or was discharged against medical advice prior to screening. This form does not take the place of the form signed by parents who are refusing screening due to religious beliefs. The forms documenting missed newborn screens and the forms documenting religious objections to screening should be sent promptly to The ODH Newborn Screening Program. The forms can be faxed (614-644-4648) or sent in the envelope with newborn screening specimen.

Newborn Screening Timeliness

Please remember to collect the newborn screen between 24 and 48 hours of life, allow to dry for 3 to 4 hours, and ship within 24 hours of specimen collection.

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Report of Missed Newborn Screen

Ohio Revised Code 3701.501 requires all infants born in Ohio to be screened for the presence of genetic, endocrine, and metabolic disorders. The birth facility is responsible for collecting the newborn screen prior to the infant's discharge. The screen should be collected at least 24 hours after birth and before 5 days of age. The parent/guardian can object to the screening only if it conflicts with their religious tenets and practices.

If a newborn screen is not collected prior to discharge, the birth facility should notify the Ohio Newborn Screening Program of the missed screen. Please use this form to report screens missed for reasons other than Religious Objection. Continue to use the Religious Objection Form (HEA 4619) for reporting parent refusals for religious reasons.

The Ohio Newborn Screen was missed for the following Infant. (Please print legibly)

Infant's Last Name	Infant's First Name	Date of Birth	Time of Birth	
Infant Also Known As	Mother's Last Name	Mother's First Name		
Mother's Address		City	State	Zip
Place of Birth/Hospital		City	State	Zip
Primary Medical Care Provider (PCP)		City	State	Zip

The reason screening was missed:

- Infant died prior to screening. Date of Death _____
- Infant transferred to another facility prior to screening. Receiving Facility _____
- Infant discharged against medical advice prior to screening. Date of Discharge _____
- Parents declined screening, but refused to sign Religious Objection Form (HEA 4619).
- Other reason, please specify: _____

Form Completed by: _____ Date: _____
Please print name legibly