

NEWBORN SCREENING NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2014



Kit Orders Delayed

Ohio Department of Health was notified that the printing of newborn screening kits has been delayed until October. The current inventory of kits at the Ohio Department of Health is critically low. We ask that hospitals limit the number of kits ordered to cover projected births through October 15, 2014 only.

Please inventory the number of kits that you currently have in stock and contact the Newborn Screening Program (888-634-5227) if you have more kits than your facility will use in the next 6 weeks. It may be necessary to redistribute kits to other hospitals to cover the shortage. Please note some of the kits in your stock may expire by January 31, 2015.

Please share this information with the persons in your facility that is responsible for ordering Newborn Screening Kits.

Ordering Shipping Labels

The labels placed on the outside of the Newborn Screening shipping envelope (address label, biohazard label, and tracking number bar code) should be ordered directly from Mercury Services using their customer service email:

contact@mercuryservice.com

Your labels will be delivered by the courier within a few days of your request.

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