

NEWBORN SCREENING NEWSLETTER MAY 26, 2016



Lab Operations during the Holiday

The Newborn Screening Laboratory will be closed Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial 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, May 30. Courier service will resume as normal at 5:00 AM on Tuesday May 31.

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

Newborn Screening Updates

- The Ohio Newborn Screening Lab has begun shipping specimens needing CFTR mutation analysis to the New York State NBS lab. All specimens received since April 1, 2016 that were reported as inconclusive for cystic fibrosis risk will receive CFTR testing over the next few weeks. An updated newborn screening report will be issued indicating whether CFTR mutations were detected. We are working towards bringing CFTR testing back to the Ohio Newborn Screening Lab later this summer. Until that happens, specimens with an inconclusive cystic fibrosis risk will be sent to New York on a weekly basis. This may delay reporting of some results by as much as a week.
- 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"
- Shipping labels for envelopes should be requested from Priority Dispatch- please call them if your supply is low. Please do not use old labels provided by the previous courier. Priority Dispatch can be contacted at (800) 817-4844.
- 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.

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