

NEWBORN SCREENING NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 25, 2014



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 Service couriers every day except November 27, December 25 and January 1.

Mercury Service will be running courier routes per usual on the Friday and Saturday following the holidays. Please have your newborn screening samples ready at your normal time of pick up.

If you know that you will not have newborn screening samples on either November 28 or 29th, please call Mercury Service at 937-546-8923 to cancel the pick-up.

Newborn Screening Kits with Loose Pages

- The newborn screening kit was recently redesigned. You may have noticed that some fields are no longer required such as Facility NPI# and Hepatitis testing data.
- The newborn screening lab has received reports that the pages of some kits are coming unglued from each other - this concern has been addressed with the manufacturer. If pages are loose, please use a paperclip to secure the pages of the kit.
- Never use staples, tape, or fold kits.
- 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 within 24 hours of sample collection - every day except Sundays and major holidays.
- 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.

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