

NEWBORN SCREENING NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2, 2015



Lab Operations during the Holiday

The Newborn Screening Laboratory will be closed on Labor Day - Monday, September 7th.

Mercury Service will be running courier routes per usual on the Friday and Saturday 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 Mercury Service couriers on Monday, September 7th. Courier service will resume as normal at 5:00 AM on Tuesday, September 8th.

Please contact Mercury Service at 937-898-7300 if you have questions or need to make arrangements about your pick-up time.

Newborn Screening Site Visits

Ohio will be celebrating its 50th anniversary of Newborn Screening in 2016. As a kick-off of our celebration, the Newborn Screening staff would like to visit all of our birth facilities in the coming year. During this site visit we would like to review newborn screening policies and discuss facility specific data on quality indicators.

A 30 minute review of newborn screening best practices is available to interested staff. We welcome anyone at your facility interested in the newborn screening process to attend. This may include staff from labor and delivery, newborn nursery, NICU or special care unit, and laboratory staff. In addition to the presentation, staff will have the opportunity to ask questions and share any concerns about newborn screening. We welcome their feedback for program improvement.

We recognize that each site has unique practices, strengths and challenges and want the visit to be efficient and productive for all staff. We request that a facilitator coordinate the site visit and invite interested staff. We will attempt to accommodate your facility's specific scheduling needs.

Please call 1-888-634-5227 to schedule the site visit for your facility.

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