

NEWBORN SCREENING NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 8, 2015



Lab Operations for Columbus Day

The Newborn Screening Laboratory will be open for business on Columbus Day - Monday October 12, 2015.

Newborn screening specimens will be picked up by Mercury Service couriers per usual Saturday and on the holiday. Please have your newborn screening specimens ready at your normal time of pick up.

If you know that you will not have newborn screening specimens, please call Mercury Service at 937-546-8923 to cancel the pick-up.

Shipping Newborn Screening Kits

- Allow newborn screening blood spots to dry completely (3 to 4 hours) before placing in the shipping envelope.
- Ship kits within 24 hours of specimen collection - every day except Sundays and major holidays.
- Specimens should be stacked in a pile and neatly placed in envelope. Please do not fold or roll specimens when placing them in the envelope for shipping.
- Use manila newborn screening envelopes provided by the Ohio Department of Health to ship specimens. Envelopes are available free of charge and can be ordered using the same form as newborn screening kits.
 - If you do not have the appropriate envelopes, you can use a plain manila envelope labeled with the lab address and biohazard and courier stickers
 - Do not use envelopes with bubble wrap or plastic lining
 - Do not use envelopes with holes or perforations
- Seal envelopes and apply courier stickers prior to shipping to ensure the specimens are not lost or damaged.
- You can find the form for ordering newborn screening envelopes and kits at:
 - <https://www.odh.ohio.gov/~media/ODH/ASSETS/Files/phl/newborn%20screening%20program%20OLD/How%20to%20Order%20Blood%20Collection%20Cards%2008%2005%2014.pdf>

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