



## Newborn Screening Bulletin 2024-2

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### Upcoming holiday weekend

With the Easter long weekend ahead, we would like to remind you of the importance of timely shipping of newborn screening samples.

- Purolator is closed on Friday, March 29th. Please ensure that all samples that are ready to ship are sent on Thursday, March 28th, and Saturday, March 30th.
- For samples shipped on Thursday, March 28th, please write “SATURDAY DELIVERY” on the envelope as the ability to select this in Track-Kit is only possible on Fridays.



### Biliary atresia updates

#### **Liver Health Month and a new educational resource:**

March is Liver Health Month in Canada, and biliary atresia (BA) is the leading cause of liver failure in children. With your help, we are empowering families to screen for this rare disease using the Infant Stool Colour Card (ISCC). By monitoring for pale stools, an early sign of BA, we can identify affected infants earlier and connect them to a specialist to improve their overall outcomes.

We have developed a [new educational video on BA screening](#) tailored to health care providers. It can also be found on our [Submitter Hub](#). Kindly share it with your colleagues who are involved in educating families on BA screening.

#### **Ordering ISCCs:**

- Please continue to order ISCCs through our distributor VWR, through the same process as dried blood spot cards. Instructions can be found on the [Supplies page of our website](#).

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

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