

Newborn Screening Bulletin 2016-13 (page 1/2)

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Please distribute this to your team and any staff who will be collecting and shipping newborn screening samples over the holidays.

Timely newborn screening is incredibly important. To ensure that there are no delayed diagnoses for infants over the holidays, please note the following courier downtimes and shipping tips.

Courier Downtimes:

Purolator will not be scheduling pick-ups on:

- Monday, December 26
- Tuesday, December 27
- Monday, January 2

Holiday Tips:

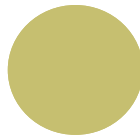
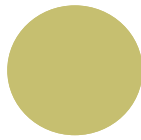
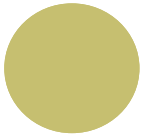
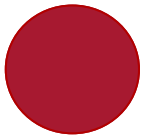
To minimize potential delays caused by these holiday downtimes, please do the following:

- **Collect newborn screens between 24-48 hours of life**
 - If an infant is discharged at <24 hours of age, please collect a newborn screen before discharge and ask the family to return in the next 24 hours for a repeat screen.
- **Deliver samples to your shipping location (i.e. lab, unit clerk, practice office etc.) as soon as possible**
- **Ship samples every business day and Saturday (if applicable), as soon as they are dry**
 - In most cases, samples are received at NSO the morning after they are shipped (see table below). However, Purolator downtimes will cause delays over the holidays.
 - While these delays are unavoidable, shipping all samples that are ready **every day** is especially important.
 - **DO NOT** hold onto samples for fear that they will get 'lost' in the system over the holiday. The sooner samples get into the Purolator system, the sooner they will be delivered to NSO.
- **Select "Saturday Delivery" for all samples shipped on Friday**
 - NSO is running our normal Saturday schedule on Saturday, December 24 and Saturday, December 31. Selecting "Saturday Delivery" should ensure that samples shipped Friday are received for testing at NSO on Saturday and will prevent unnecessary delays.
- **Ship samples on Saturday** (for those sites with access to Saturday pickup)
 - Purolator is operating a normal schedule on Saturday, December 24 and Saturday, December 31. Samples shipped on Saturday will arrive at NSO the next business day.

We wish you a safe, happy and healthy holiday season and all the best for 2017.

Warm regards,
The NSO Team





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Newborn screening holiday reminder calendar

Handy to hang in areas where newborn screening samples are collected/shipped

Ship newborn screening samples every business day and Saturday, as soon as they are dry

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|----------|----------------------------------|--|
| Dec 18 | Dec 19 | Dec 20 | Dec 21 | Dec 22 | Dec 23 | Dec 24 |
| Sunday– no sample shipping | | | | | Select “Saturday Delivery” | Send samples NSO receives samples shipped on Dec 23 |
| Dec 25 | Dec 26 | Dec 27 | Dec 28 | Dec 29 | Dec 30 | Dec 31 |
| Sunday– no sample shipping | Purolator closed | Purolator closed | NSO receives samples shipped on Dec 23 (with no Sat. delivery) & Dec 24 | | Select “Saturday Delivery” | Send samples NSO receives samples shipped on Dec 30 |
| Jan 1 | Jan 2 | Jan 3 | Jan 4 | Jan 5 | Jan 6 | Jan 7 |
| Sunday– no sample shipping | Purolator closed | NSO receives samples shipped on Dec 30 (with no Sat. delivery) & Dec 31 | | | Select “Saturday Delivery” | Send samples NSO receives samples shipped on Jan 6 |