



Newborn Screening Bulletin 2019-5

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NEWBORN SCREENING OVER THE HOLIDAYS

With the holidays approaching, we would like to inform you of the courier schedule and provide you with some tips to ensure timely newborn screening. Please forward this bulletin to any members of your team who will be involved in newborn screening collection or shipping over the holidays.

Courier downtimes:

- On December 24th and December 31st—Purolator will only be performing pre-scheduled pickups. Make sure you schedule a pick up on the preceding day.
- Purolator will not be scheduling pickups on December 25th, December 26th and January 1st.

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, as soon as they are dry**
- **Pre-schedule pick ups for December 24th and December 31st to make sure that all newborn screening samples that are available are shipped**
- **Due to high holiday shipping volumes, please provide a larger than usual time frame for Purolator to pick up your samples when creating your shipment**
- **Check Saturday delivery for samples shipped on a Friday (this is done automatically if you are using track-kit)**

We wish you a happy holiday season and warm wishes for 2020.

- The NSO Team

