



Newborn Screening Bulletin 2020-8

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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. NSO will be working throughout the holiday period to ensure that testing is done quickly in spite of any courier delays. 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:

- Purolator will do early pickups only on Thursday, December 24th.
- Purolator will not be scheduling pick ups between Friday, December 25th and Monday, December 28th, or on Friday, January 1.

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 23rd and 24th to ensure all available samples are shipped before the courier downtime. Likewise, preschedule a pick up for December 31st.**
- **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**

Best wishes for the holidays, and for happiness and health throughout 2021.

- The NSO Team

