



Newborn Screening Bulletin 2020-4

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Shipping samples over the long weekend

To minimize delays caused by the long weekend, please ensure all samples that are ready to ship are sent today. Since it isn't Friday, you will not be able to check the "Saturday delivery" box in Track-Kit and we ask that you write "SATURDAY DELIVERY" on the envelopes for all specimens shipped today. There is also a notification in Track-Kit to remind you to do this.

Repeat collection for specimens collected prior to 24 hours of age

Please let us know if your hospital has or is planning to change practice regarding early discharge during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are proactively changing practice to increase the number of patients being discharged early, please let us know what extra precautions/safety measures you are taking to protect newborns returning for repeat specimen collection. As you know, not all diseases can be reliably detected in specimens collected at less than 24 hours. For this reason, a repeat specimen is strongly recommended.

We hope you are all doing well in this stressful time and thank you sincerely for your ongoing dedication to newborn screening. Wishing you a safe and healthy long weekend.

