

Effective November 1, 2024

BABY'S LAST NAME (PRINT)

SN 23100001

DO NOT USE THIS FORM AFTER 09/30/2023

**Instructions
to
Submitter:**

After entering the newborn's name, remove this copy and give it to the parents of this newborn.

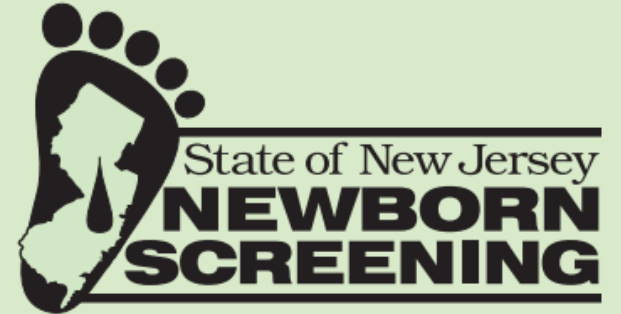
Parents and Legal Guardians,

Newborn Screening is an important public health service that can protect your baby. Babies may look healthy but have certain rare health problems, which can be found by taking a small amount of blood from a baby for testing. The Newborn Screening program currently conducts tests for more than 60 disorders.

Five blood drops have been taken from your baby's heel and sent to the New Jersey Newborn Screening Laboratory for initial testing, which will be completed in the next few days. You have received the brochure "These Tests Could Save Your Baby's Life," which is also available at https://www.nj.gov/health/fhs/nbs/documents/the_tests_for_screening_eng.pdf. This brochure has more information about Newborn Screening.

Please take this notice to your baby's doctor, who can get a copy of your baby's test results by contacting the Newborn Screening Laboratory.

Por favor lleve esta carta al doctor de su bebé.



**New Jersey
Department of Health**

<http://www.newbornscreening.nj.gov>

PARENT COPY

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In accordance with Department of Health (DOH) policy, the sample taken from your baby will be securely stored for 2 years to ensure the integrity of your baby's tests results (for example, to rule out false positive or false negative results). If we do not hear otherwise from you, we will destroy the sample after 2 years.

At your request, the blood sample from your baby's Newborn Screening can be:

1. Destroyed at any time after initial testing, including before your child is 2 years old.
2. Stored for additional time, up to 8 years beyond the initial 2-year retention period.

DOH uses blood samples from the Newborn Screening program only for the following purposes: (1) newborn screening for your baby; (2) routine quality assurance and quality control for DOH's lab; and (3) developing new tests for disorders. Any blood samples used for the second or third purposes will be de-identified—that is, unlinked from your baby's identifying information.

The sample taken from your baby will not be released in identified form (that is, with identifying information about your baby) to non-law enforcement third parties without your consent. DOH will release your baby's identified blood samples to law enforcement (for example, if your child went missing) only with your consent or consistent with the Attorney General's binding Law Enforcement Directive (available at www.nj.gov/oag/dcj/agguide/directives/). De-identified samples will be released to third parties only as allowed by federal law.



Scan the QR code below to access the full Newborn Screening bloodspot retention policy, or to fill out and submit either a destruction form or an extended-retention form. These forms are also available at: www.nj.gov/health/phel/documents/destruction-form.pdf and www.nj.gov/health/phel/documents/extended-retention-form.pdf.