

Newborn Blood Spot Requests: Information by State

General requirements for release of newborn blood spot (NBS) are: Child's name, Child's DOB, Hospital of birth, Mother's name, reason for request, location to release specimen to, test to be run, and purpose of retesting the specimen (if applicable). Request must be submitted on official letterhead.

Alabama

Length of Storage: 3 months

Contacts: Rachel Montgomery, Newborn Screening Coordinator, (334) 206-5955

Denita Rollin, State NBS Laboratory Manager, Bureau of Clinical Laboratories, (334) 260-3475

Cindy Ashley, Newborn Screening Director, (334) 206-2971

Sharon Massingale, Laboratory Director, Bureau of Clinical Laboratories, (334) 260-3400

Amy Strickland, Newborn Hearing Screening Coordinator, Department of Public Health, (334) 206-2944

Requirements to obtain NBS: Results can be obtained using the Alabama Voice Response System, which must be registered for

Alaska

Length of Storage: 3 years

Requirements to obtain NBS: Submission of the request in writing. Parental consent in writing.

Contact: Rebekah Morrissey, Co-manager Newborn Screening Program (907) 269-4762

Cheryl Hermerath Oregon State Public Health Lab (503) 693- 4172

Notes: 1st year of storage is at Oregon State Public Health, next 2 years are at Alaska Public Health Lab

Arizona

Length of Storage: 90 days, if results are abnormal NBS may be kept longer in refrigerator

Requirements to obtain NBS: Submission of the request in writing. Parental consent in writing.

Contact: William Slanta (602) 542-6128

Ward Jacox, Office of Newborn Screening (602) 364-1409

Notes: Request must be made on official letterhead.

Arkansas

Length of Storage: 1 year

Requirements to obtain NBS: Submission of the request in writing. Parental consent in writing.

Contact: Leslie Himstedt (501) 661-2445

UAMS Metabolic Genetics and Newborn Screening (501) 686-7000

California

Length of Storage: Indefinitely

Requirements to obtain NBS: Submission of request in writing. Parental consent in writing.

Information about the consent form and procedure can be found at

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/nbs/Pages/NBSConsents.aspx>

Contact: Robyn Cooley (510) 412-1500

Newborn Screening Program Fax (510) 412 1559

Genetic Disease Screening Program (510)412- 1502

Genetic Disease Laboratory (510) 231- 1793

Colorado

Length of Storage: 6 months

Requirements to obtain NBS: Signed consent form from parents. Send form to fax (303) 691-4008.

Contact: Dan Right (303) 692-3673

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Newborn Screening Unit (303) 692-3670

Notes: Colorado also processes samples from Wyoming.

Connecticut

Length of Storage: 5 years

Requirements to obtain NBS: Parents must sign release form

Contact: Joseph Ubaiké, Connecticut State Laboratory (860) 509-8565

Newborn Screening Lab (860) 920-6708

Connecticut Department of Public Health (860)509-8081

Notes: fax (860) 509-7720

Delaware

Length of Storage: 3 years

Requirements to obtain NBS: Parental consent. Specimen is released to parents only.

Contact: Pat Scott (302) 223-1494

Christina Pleasanton, NBS lab (302) 223-1520

Newborn Screening Program (302) 744-4544

Fax (302) 661-7227

District of Columbia

Length of Storage: 1 year

Contacts: Yvoctee Monteiro, NBS Program (202) 442-9158

Yvette Clinton- Reid, Medical Consultant, Perinatal and Infant Health Bureau (202) 675-8080

Joseph Quashnock, Laboratory Director at Perkins Elmer (412) 220-2300

Karen Watts, Bureau Chief, Perinatal and Infant Health (202) 442-9405

Notes: No returned phone calls from attempts to contact officials in the District of Columbia. All information obtained from websites.

Florida

Length of Storage: 6 months. Lab retains records of screening results for 6 years

Requirements to obtain NBS: Parental consent. Specimen sent to lab or medical examiner only.

Contact: Newborn Screening Program (850) 245-4201

Lois Taylor, NBS Follow-up (850)245-4670

Bonafacio Dy, Acting Newborn Screening Director, Florida State Laboratory (904) 791- 1648

Georgia

Length of Storage: 12 weeks. Any tests confirmed or presumptive positive are kept for 2 years

Requirements to obtain NBS: Written request form approved by Georgia Department of Community Health. Parental consent in writing.

Contact: Pam Clark (404) 657-2862

Arthur Hagar, NBS lab (404) 327-6800

Newborn Metabolic Screening and Sickle Cell Disorders Program (404) 657-4143

Johanna Pringle, NBS Follow-up program (404) 463- 3987

Guam

-NBS testing in Guam is dependent on the birth facility.

National contact: Margarita Gay, Administrator, Bureau of Family Health and Nursing Services (671) 735-7116

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Guam Memorial Hospital

Length of Storage: 6 months

Notes: 90% of births in Guam take place at Guam Memorial Hospital, however only those with health insurance receive screening.

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Length of Storage: 1 year

Notes: Specimens tested and stored at Oregon Public Health Laboratory

Naval Hospital

Length of Storage: unknown

Notes: Specimens tested at Pediatrix, a commercial testing facility

Hawaii

Length of Storage: 1 year

Requirements to obtain NBS: Call to request release form.

Contacts: Gwen Palmer, Program Coordinator, Hawaii Department of Health (808) 733-9069

Hawaii Genetics Program (808) 733-9055

Cheryl Hermerath, Northwest Regional NBS lab (503) 693-4172

Idaho

Length of Storage: up to 18 months

Requirements to obtain NBS: Signed release form from parent(s)

Web Access to test results, application can be found at

<http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Health/WebRadApplication.pdf>

Contacts: Carol Christiansen (208) 334-4935

Idaho Newborn Screening (208)334-5962

Notes: More information can be found at <http://nbs.dhw.idaho.gov>

Specimens sent to Oregon Lab. Signed release form is sent directly to the Idaho state. Alternatively, the MD can call the Oregon lab to get BS released to hospital.

Oregon Lab contact is Cheryl Hermerath, (503) 693-4712 or (503) 693-4174

Illinois

Length of Storage: Normal results: minimum of 2-4 months. Abnormal results: 5 years

Requirements to obtain NBS: Submission of the request in writing. Parental consent in writing.

Contacts: Genetic and Newborn Screening (217)782-4977

Claudia Nash, Follow-up (217) 524- 4900

George Dizikes, Lab (312) 793-4745

Notes: Specimens are stored at room temperature. All requests for NBS are sent through legal department to get okay first.

Indiana

Length of Storage: normally 6 months, up to 3 years

Requirements to obtain NBS: Parental consent in writing.

Contacts: Holly Heindselman, Director, Genomics and Newborn Screening (317) 233- 1231

Genomics and Newborn Screening Program (888) 815-0006

Barb Lesko, Manager, Newborn Screening Lab (317) 491-6682

Notes: As of 11/29/2011, Indiana does not release NBS to other facilities. However, this policy may change in the future.

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Iowa

Length of Storage: 5 years

Requirements to obtain NBS: Request for release signed by the requesting MD and child's parents on official letterhead.

Contacts: Kim Piper, State Genetics Coordinator (515) 281- 6466

Stan Berberich, Iowa Neonatal Metabolic Screening Lab (319) 335- 4500

Michael Ramirez, IMNS Lab (515) 725-1630

Notes: The first year the NBS is stored at subzero temperatures, then after that at room temperature.

Kansas

Length of Storage: normal results are kept 1 month in freezer, abnormal results kept indefinitely

Requirements to obtain NBS: Fax the request with the child's information on official letterhead.

Contacts: Colleen Peterson (785) 296-1650

NBS Lab (785) 296- 1652

Newborn Screening (785) 291-3363

Notes: Fax (785) 286-0978

Kentucky

Length of Storage: Normal: 6 months. Abnormal: Indefinitely.

Requirements to obtain NBS: Currently there is not formal procedure for release.

Contacts: Dr. Mayfield Gibson (502) 564-4446 ext. 4400

Newborn Screening (502) 564-3756 ext 4367

Lea Mott, Newborn screening Lab (502) 564-4446 ext. 4456

Louisiana

Length of Storage: 1 month

Requirements to obtain NBS: Legal release signed by parents to send specimen to facility of choice.

Contacts: Terry Crockett, Manager, Biochemistry (504) 219-4696

Cheryl Harris, Program Administrator (504) 568-8254

Maine

Length of Storage: Indefinitely

Contacts: Ellie Mulcahy, Director, (207) 287-4623

Shirley Helms, Coordinator (207) 287-5351

Newborn Bloodspot Screening Program (207) 287-5357

Notes: Specimens stored at -20.

Maryland

Length of Storage: 25 years

Requirements to obtain NBS: Submission of the request in writing. Parental consent in writing.

Contacts: Fizza Gulamali-Majid, Newborn Screening Lab, General requests (410) 767-6099

Notes: Samples are stored for 6 months in freezer and there after at room temperature

Massachusetts

Length of Storage: 22 years

Requirements to obtain NBS: Massachusetts has different forms depending on the test to be done.

Please call to request the correct form. Parental consent in writing is required.

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Contacts: Dr. Roger Eaton, Newborn Screening Program Lab (617) 983-6300

Michigan

Length of Storage: Indefinitely

Requirements to obtain NBS: Michigan has specific protocol and release request forms. Please call to get forms.

Contacts: Harry Hawkins, Newborn Screening Lab (517) 335-8095

Bill Young, Follow-up program (517) 335- 9205

Notes: NBS from July 1984 to 2009 have been stored in an uncontrolled warehouse. All NBS collected after 2009 are frozen.

Minnesota

Length of Storage: Blood Spots with negative test results are retained for 71 days, with positive test results for 24 months, all tests are destroyed 24 months after being reported

Requirements to obtain NBS: Submission of the request in writing. Parental consent in writing.

Contacts: Amy (651) 201-5451

Newborn Screening (651) 201-5466

Notes: Requests can be faxed to (651) 201-5471.

Mississippi

Length of Storage: Specimen cards stored for 1 year, records are stored for 2 years

Requirements to obtain NBS: Submission of the request in writing. Parental consent in writing. Can request form from State Department of Health, Genetic Services.

Contacts: Philis Hoggatt, Follow-up Program (601) 576-7619

Joseph Quashnock, Newborn Screening Lab (412) 220-2300 ext. 133

Notes: Fax requests to (601) 576-7498

Missouri

Length of Storage: 5 years

Requirements to obtain NBS: Parents must submit request in writing with patient's info.

Contacts: Jami Kiesling, RN, BSN, Blood Spot Followup Contact (573) 751-6266

Patrick Hopkins, Newborn Screening Lab (573) 751-2662

State Public Health Lab (573) 751-3334

Notes: Requests can be faxed to (573) 522-8155. NBS will be sent to parent's home.

Montana

Length of Storage: Normal: 1 year. Abnormal: Indefinitely. Screening results kept for 2 years

Requirements to obtain NBS: Submission of the request in writing. Parental consent in writing.

Contacts: Linda Beischel, Newborn Screening Coordinator (406) 444-0984

Vicky Tibieri, NBS Lab Supervisor (406) 444-4030

Notes: Fax requests to (406) 444-1802

Nebraska

Length of Storage: 90 days

Requirements to obtain NBS: Submission of the request in writing. Parental consent in writing.

Contacts: Julie Luedtke, Newborn Screening and Genetics Program Manager (402) 471-6733

Newborn Screening (402) 471-0374

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Nevada

Length of Storage: 1 year

Contacts: Dawn Lopresti (775) 684- 5889

Mary Pennington, Health Program Manager, Newborn Screening Program (775) 684-3478

Cheryl Hermerath, NBS Laboratory (Oregon State Lab) (503) 693-4174

Requirements to obtain NBS: contact lab directly at (503) 693-4174

*As of July 1st 2014 contact lab at U Nevada (775) 688- 1335

Notes: NBS are tested and stored at Oregon State Public Health Laboratory, as of July 1st, 2014 will transfer to the lab at University of Nevada, Reno (775) 688- 1335

New Hampshire

Length of Storage: 6 months

Requirements to obtain NBS: Submission of the request in writing. Parental consent in writing.

Contacts: Linda Kincaid, Newborn Screening Program (603) 271-4225

Dr. Roger Eaton, NBS lab, roger.eaton@umassmed.edu

Notes: NBS stored at -20.

New Jersey

Length of Storage: 23 years

Requirements to obtain NBS: Submission of the request in writing. Parental consent in writing.

Contacts: Scott Shone PhD, NBS lab (609) 530-8361

Marilyn Gorney-Daley, Follow-up Program (609) 984-0755

Newborn Screening and Genetic Services (609) 292 - 1582

Notes: NBS will be released only to a medical facility. Samples stored at ambient temperature and humidity.

New Mexico

Length of Storage: 1 year

Requirements to obtain NBS: Parents must submit written request to Newborn Genetic Screening.

Contacts: Brenda Romero, State Genetic Coordinator (505) 476-8857

Newborn Screening Program (505) 476-8868

Cheryl Hermerath, Northwest Regional NBS lab, (503) 693-4172

New York

Length of Storage: 27 years

Requirements to obtain NBS: Submission of the request in writing. Parental consent in writing.

Contacts: Michele Caggana, Newborn Screening Lab (518) 473-3854

Beth Vogel, Follow-up Program (518)474-7945

Newborn Screening Program (518) 473- 7552

Notes: Fax (518) 486-2693

North Carolina

Length of Storage: 5 years

Requirements to obtain NBS: Submission of the request in writing. Parental consent in writing.

Contacts: Shu Huey Chaing, NBS lab (919) 733-3937

Lara Percenti, Follow-up Program (919) 707-5634

State Lab of Public Health (919) 733 -7834

Notes: Fax (919) 715-8610

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North Dakota

Length of Storage: Indefinitely

Requirements to obtain NBS: Submission of the request in writing. Parental consent in writing.

Contacts: Katie Bentz (701) 328-4538

Becky Bailey, Newborn Screening Director (701) 328-4526

Ohio

Length of Storage: Minimum 2 years

Requirements to obtain NBS: Submission of the request in writing. Parental consent in writing.

Contacts: Sharon Linard, Ohio Department of Health Laboratory (614) 644-4659

Notes: Fax (614) 644-4648. Request must include patient information, testing to be completed, and amount of blood needed in the punch size. Request must state the Ohio Health Department is not financially responsible for the testing in any way. Request must be on hospital letterhead and include MD's signature. After testing, Ohio would like the results of the test run.

Oklahoma

Length of Storage: 42 days, after which parental consent is required to transfer the residual dried blood spot

Requirements to obtain NBS: Fax signed release form to (405) 271- 4892, parental consent on release form, request must include reason for NBS request from specialist

Contacts: Lisa (405) 271-6617

Tonya McCallister, Newborn Screening Lab (405) 271-5070 ext 57714

Soheila Haddad, Newborn Screening Lab (405) 271-5070 ext 57742

Notes: NBS stored at room temperature

Oregon

Length of Storage: 1 year

Requirements to obtain NBS: Submission of the request in writing. Parental consent in writing.

Contacts: Cheryl Hermerath, NBS lab manager (503) 693-4172

Newborn Screening Lab (503) 693-4100

Sara Deniston, Follow-up Coordinator (503) 693-4173

Notes: fax (503) 693-5601

Pennsylvania

Length of Storage: 8 months

Requirements to obtain NBS: Signed HIPAA release form. Parental consent in writing.

Contacts: Carolyn Ellison (717) 783-8143

Roxann Arbegast-Boes, Division of Newborn Screening and Genetics (717) 783-8143

Puerto Rico

Length of Storage: 2 years

Requirements to obtain NBS: Written request stating the use of the NBS.

Contacts: Pedro Juan Santiago Borrero, Director, Center for Inherited Diseases (787) 777-3535 ext. 7014

Notes: After 2 years, a random 10% of the NBS are kept.

Rhode Island

Length of Storage: 23 years

Requirements to obtain NBS: Submission of the request in writing. Parental consent in writing.

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Contacts: Barb McNeilly, Community Health Nurse (401) 222-4640
Newborn Screening Coordinator (401) 921- 7619
Chrisolee Larose (401) 222-5950
Khristine Campagna (401) 222-5927

South Carolina

Length of Storage: 12 months

Requirements to obtain NBS: Submission of the request in writing. Parental consent in writing.

Contacts: Kathy Tomashitis (803) 898-0619
John Reddic, Newborn Screening Lab (803)896- 9725

Notes: fax (803)898-0337

South Dakota

Length of Storage: 1 month

Requirements to obtain NBS: Currently no formal procedure for release.

Contacts: Lucy Fossen, SD Newborn Screening Program (605) 773-3737
Stanton Berberich, Iowa State Hygienic Lab (515) 725-1630

Tennessee

Length of Storage: Normal NBS: 12 months. Abnormal: Indefinitely.

Requirements to obtain NBS: Submission of the request in writing. Parental consent in writing.

Contacts: Chris McKeever, NBS lab (615) 262-6352
Newborn Screening Coordination and Follow-up (615) 532- 8462

Notes: Fax (615) 262-6447

Texas

Length of Storage: 2 years, unless parents indicated on a release form saying they would like the specimen to be stored up to 25 years. NBS collected before June 1, 2012 maybe stored for up to 25 years.

Requirements to obtain NBS: Contact Lynette for consent form. If unable to contact, the MD needs to submit the request in writing on letterhead with specific purpose of the release, indication that the person signing has the authority to request the sample and the signature of the mother.

Contacts: Lynette Borgfeld (512) 776-7111, ext 2471
Laboratory Services Section (512) 776-7318

US Virgin Islands

Length of Storage: 1 year

Contacts: LaVerne Ragster, PhD, University of the Virgin Islands (340) 693-1000
Darlene Carty, US Virgin Islands Department of Health (340) 773-1311
C. Patricia Penn, Assistant Director, MCH and CSHCN Program (340) 776-3580
Mavis Matthew, Director, MCH and CSHCN Program (340) 713-9924 or (340) 713-9925

Notes: No returned phone calls from attempts to contact officials in the US Virgin Islands. All information obtained from websites.

Utah

Length of Storage: minimum of 90 days

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Requirements to obtain NBS: Utah has specific protocol and release forms. Contact Kimberly Hart to obtain.

Contacts: Kimberly Hart (801) 584-8256, email kimhart@utah.gov
Norm Brown, Newborn Screening Lab (801) 965-2556

Vermont

Length of Storage: Indefinitely

Requirements to obtain NBS: Email a parental release form.

Contacts: Cindy Ingham, Newborn Screening Program (802) 951-5180, Cindy.Ingham@ahs.state.vt.us
Newborn Screening Program Fax (802) 951-1218

Virginia

Length of Storage: Normal: 6 months. Abnormal: 10 years.

Requirements to obtain NBS: Submission of the request in writing. Parental consent in writing.

Contacts: Kathleen Moline (804) 864-7712
Thomas Hickey (804) 648-4480, ext. 170
Newborn Screening Fax (804) 864-7807

Washington

Length of Storage: 21 years

Requirements to obtain NBS: Consent form signed by both parents. Form available by request

Contacts: Santosh Shaunak (206) 418-5410
Catherine Riley (206) 418-5508
Notes: Fax (206) 418-5415

West Virginia

Length of Storage: 3 months

Requirements to obtain NBS: Submission of the request in writing. Parental consent in writing.

Contacts: Newborn Metabolic Screening (301) 558-3530, (800) 642-8522
Kristel Fijolek, NBS Laboratory (304) 558-3530, ext. 2501
Debbie Templin, Follow-up Program (304) 356-4448

Wisconsin

Length of Storage: 1 year

Requirements to obtain NBS: Fax request on hospital letterhead, include patient's name, DOB, mother's name at time of birth and hospital/city where born

Contacts: Gary Hoffman (608) 262-4692
Newborn Screening Program Coordinator (608) 266-8904
Mei Baker, Newborn Screening Lab (608) 262-6547
Notes: Fax (608) 262-5494

Wyoming

Length of Storage: 6 months

Requirements to obtain NBS: Submission of the request in writing. Parental consent in writing.

Contacts: Carleigh Soule, Newborn Screening Program (307) 777- 6297
David Butcher, Colorado Dept. of Public Health lab (303) 692-3069

Notes: NBS stored at Colorado state lab. Consent forms need to be fax directly to lab at (303) 344-9989.