

Newborn Screening Reporting and Follow-Up

Policy Statement

Laboratory

The Public Health Laboratory reports results on all newborn screening (NBS) tests.

Genetic Diseases Program

The Louisiana Genetic Diseases Program provides follow-up services on all presumptive positive NBS tests.

General Information

Testing Results

The Public Health Laboratory mails the submitter a report of the NBS test findings for all satisfactory specimens submitted within two (2) to three (3) weeks, or four (4) to five (5) working days of receipt of the specimen.

NBS test results are also available utilizing the Voice Response System within four (4) to five (5) working days of receipt of the specimen.

Unsatisfactory Specimens

Efforts are made to assure that all infants having an unsatisfactory NBS test will have the test repeated. Both the submitter and the parent are notified when an unsatisfactory NBS test is received by the State Laboratory.

- The State OPH Laboratory informs the submitter by letter when a NBS specimen is unsatisfactory for testing. It is the responsibility of the submitter to assure that a repeat specimen is resubmitted.
- The Genetic Diseases Program informs the parent by letter when a NBS specimen is unsatisfactory for testing.