



Newborn Screening Bulletin 2023-3

April 3, 2023

Upcoming holiday weekend

- With a long weekend ahead, we would like to remind you of the importance of timely shipping of newborn screening samples. Purolator is closed on Friday, April 7th. Please ensure that all samples that are ready to ship are sent on Thursday, April 6th, and Saturday, April 8th.
- For samples shipped on Thursday, April 6th, please write “SATURDAY DELIVERY” on the envelope as the ability to select this in Track-Kit is only possible on Fridays.



Upcoming NSO Workshop Series

- NSO is excited to announce that we will be hosting a series of workshops and information sessions starting later this spring on a variety of topics—from requisition completion and unsatisfactory samples, to accessing results most efficiently, to updates on diseases screened.
- What are you most interested in learning about? To vote for, or recommend, certain topics you would like us to cover, please follow the link here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2HDDYSB>
- Further information, including dates and times of each session, will be sent in the coming weeks.

Updates to Mailed Reports – Transition to Fax

- In an effort to continuously improve our turnaround time on newborn screening results, we are now faxing newborn screening results rather than sending via mail. This improvement means hospitals and midwifery practices receive newborn screening reports in a timelier manner.
- The last group of reports to transition to faxing are screen positive reports, which have previously been printed on yellow paper and sent by mail to hospitals and midwifery practices. Beginning April 10, these reports will be faxed. Our standard practice is for faxing to happen after the baby has been referred by NSO for further diagnostic testing and the family has been informed of the screen positive result (i.e. same as current practice). Screen positive reports will be faxed in a separate job, with their own cover letter, to the number that was confirmed during this transition.
- Note that the process of informing hospitals and midwifery practices of unsatisfactory reports that require action remains unchanged.

