

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:

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

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

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

Danita Rollin, NBS Laboratory Director, Bureau of Clinical Laboratories, (334) 260-3475

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

Notes: No returned phone calls from attempts to contact officials in Alabama. All information obtained from websites.

Alaska

Length of Storage: 3 years

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

Contact: Thalia Wood, Children's Health Unit Manager, (907) 269-3499

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

Notes: Request must be made on official letterhead.

Arkansas

Length of Storage: 3 to 6 months

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

Contact: Leslie Himstedt, (501) 661-2445

California

Length of Storage: Indefinitely

Requirements to obtain NBS: Submission of consent form. The consent form can be found at:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/nbs/Documents/NBS-ConsentforDriedBlood-Nov2011.pdf>

Contact: Leslie, (501) 412-1460

Colorado

Length of Storage: 6 months

Requirements to obtain NBS: Signed consent form from parents. Send form to fax (303) 344-9989.

Contact: Dan Right, (303) 692-3673

Notes: Colorado also processes samples from Wyoming and Guam Memorial Hospital.

Connecticut

Length of Storage: 2 to 3 years

Requirements to obtain NBS: Parents must sign release form

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

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Delaware

Length of Storage: 3 years

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

Contact: Pat Scott (302) 223-1494

District of Columbia

Length of Storage: 1 year

Contacts:

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

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

Yvockeea Monteiro, NBS Follow-up Program, (202) 442-9158

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

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

Contact: Bonafacio Dy, Acting Newborn Screening Director, Florida State Laboratory, (904) 971-1648

Georgia

Length of Storage: 2 years plus current calendar year

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

Contact: Pam Clark, (404) 657-2862

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

Notes: All information obtained from websites.

Guam Memorial Hospital

Length of Storage: 6 months

Notes: Specimens tested and stored at Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. 90% of births in Guam take place at Guam Memorial Hospital, however only those with health insurance receive screening.

Sagua Managu

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

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Idaho

Length of Storage: 1 year

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

Contacts: Carol Christiansen (208) 334-4935

Notes: 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: 2 months and 1 week. Abnormal results: 5 years

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

Contacts: Dr. Mike Petros, (312) 793-1053

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

Indiana

Length of Storage: 23 years

Requirements to obtain NBS: Currently no procedure for release.

Contacts: Courtney Eddy, (317) 233-9260

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

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: Mike Ramirez, (515) 725-1630

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

Kansas

Length of Storage: 1 month in freezer

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

Contacts: Colleen Peterson, (785) 296-1650

Notes: Fax (785) 286-0978

Kentucky

Length of Storage: Normal: 6-8 weeks. Abnormal: Indefinitely.

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

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

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 (504) 219-4696

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Maine

Length of Storage: Indefinitely

Contacts: Ellie Mulchy, (207) 287-5351
Liz Plummer, (207) 287-5351

Notes: Specimens stored at -20. No returned phone calls from attempts to contact officials in Maine. All information obtained from websites.

Maryland

Length of Storage: Indefinitely

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

Contacts: Fizza Gulamali-Majid, PhD, (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.

Contacts: Dr. Roger Eaton, (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, (517) 335-8095

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: Indefinitely

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

Contacts: Amy, (651) 201-5451

Notes: Requests can be faxed to (651) 201-5471. NBS are stored for 5 years in freezer, there after at room temp.

Mississippi

Length of Storage: Minimum 1 year.

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

Contacts: Philis Hoggatt (601) 576-7619

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: Patrick Hopkins, (573) 751-2662

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

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Montana

Length of Storage: Normal: 1 year. Abnormal: Indefinitely

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

Contacts: Linda Beischel, (406) 444-0984

Nebraska

Length of Storage: 90 days

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

Contacts: Julie Luedtke, (402) 471-6733

Nevada

Length of Storage: 1 year

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

Andrea Esp, Bureau of Child, Family and Community Wellness, (775) 684-4272

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

Notes: No returned phone calls from attempts to contact officials in Nevada. All information obtained from websites. NBS are tested and stored at Oregon State Public Health Laboratory.

New Hampshire

Length of Storage: 6 months

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

Contacts: Marcia Lavochkin, (603) 271-4225

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, (609) 530-8361

Notes: NBS will be released only to a medical facility.

New Mexico

Length of Storage: 1 year

Requirements to obtain NBS: Parents must submit written request.

Contacts: Brenda Romero, (505) 476-8857

Notes: NBS will be released to the parents only.

New York

Length of Storage: 27 years

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

Contacts: Michele Caggana, (518) 473-3854

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: Dr. Shu Chaing, (919) 807-8880

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: Barbara Schweitzer, (701) 328-4538

Notes:

Ohio

Length of Storage: Minimum 2 years

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

Contacts: Sharon Linard (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

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

Contacts: Lisa, (405) 271-6617

Notes: NBS stored at room temperature. Request must include why the NBS is needed.

Oregon

Length of Storage: 1 year

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

Contacts: Cheryl Hermerath, (503) 693-4172

Notes: fax (503) 693-5601

Pennsylvania

Length of Storage: 8 months

Requirements to obtain NBS: Signed HIPAA release form.

Contacts: Carolyn Ellison, (717) 783-8143

Puerto Rico

Length of Storage: 2 years

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

Contacts: P.J. Santiago Borrero (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.

Contacts: Barbara McNeilly, (401) 222-4640

Chrisolee Larose, (401) 222-5950

Khristine Campagna, (401) 222-5927

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South Carolina

Length of Storage: 6 months

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

Contacts: Kathy Tomashitis, (803) 898-0619

South Dakota

Length of Storage: 1 month

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

Contacts: Lucy Fossen, (605) 773-3361

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, (615) 262-6352

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

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: 90 days

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

Vermont

Length of Storage: 6 months

Requirements to obtain NBS: Email a parental release form.

Contacts: Cindy Ingham, (802) 951-5180

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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: Thomas Hickey, (804) 648-4480, ext. 170

Washington

Length of Storage: 21 years

Requirements to obtain NBS: Consent form signed by both parents. Form found at:

<http://doh.wa.gov/NBS>

Contacts: 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: Kristel Fijolek (304) 558-3530, ext. 2501

Wisconsin

Length of Storage: 1 year

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

Contacts: Gary Hoffman, (608) 262-4692

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, (367) 777-6297

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