



Newborn Bloodspot Screening during COVID-19 response

MT Public Health Laboratory

1400 Broadway

Helena, MT 59601

(800) 821-7284

[https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/LaboratoryServices/
NewbornScreening](https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/LaboratoryServices/NewbornScreening)

Newborn Bloodspot Screening in Montana is being conducted at MTPHL, as usual, per [Montana Code Annotated 50-19-203](#) and [Administrative Rule 37.57.3](#)). Deviating from scheduled testing is not recommended. Please contact MTPHL if procedures at your facility are altered due to COVID-19.

Collection

24-48 hours: Target time for collection of initial specimen.

Collect samples from NICU infants prior to non-respiratory treatment and no later than 48 hours of age.

If a sample is collected prior to 24 hours of age, collect a repeat screen after 48 hours and before 7 days of age.

Transport

3 days: Target time to receive samples at MTPHL.

We have expanded our courier service in response to increased testing due to COVID-19. Please see our website for pickup sites and times:

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/LaboratoryServices/CourierRoutesSampleDelivery>

As usual, we can receive samples through the mail, UPS, and FedEx.

Resulting

5 days: Target time (from receipt) to release results to submitters

Facilities should submit repeat samples within 48 hours of notification of abnormal results.

Unsatisfactory specimens should be resubmitted within three days of notification.



MONTANA
PUBLIC HEALTH
LABORATORY