

MLS Laboratory Update: Newborn Screening Specimen Cards Delayed

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Dear Newborn Screening Submitter,

On Wednesday, January 18th, we discovered that there was a printing error with the new 6-spot newborn screening specimen cards that we had planned to ship to you this week. We are awaiting word from the vendor about how quickly they can print and ship us the correct new specimen cards.

As you are probably aware, we had changed some of your recent card shipments to coordinate with receiving the updated cards so you wouldn't have too many old ones on hand once you began using the 6-spot cards. We are sending out a shipment of the current supply of 5-spot cards to our submitters to get them through the next 3 months. Current Newborn Screening Fact Sheets and Newborn Screening: How Does it Work (Infographic) will also be sent with this shipment, per our usual process.

When the new 6-spot cards are ready to be shipped, the updated Fact Sheets and Infographics will also be sent with them. In the meantime, the updated version of these two documents will be available on our website should you choose to download copies prior to receiving that first shipment. You will still want to wait until February 6th to begin using the updated Fact Sheets and Infographics because that is when congenital cytomegalovirus screening will begin.

We will communicate with you once we have a date for the new 6-spot specimen cards to be shipped to you. Thank you for your patience and all the work you do on behalf of newborns across Minnesota.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call us at 651-201-5466 or 1-(800)-664-7772 or reach us via email at health.newbornscreening@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

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