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Newborn Screening Laboratory Holiday Schedule

Newborn Screening Laboratory – Texas Department of State Health Services

The Newborn Screening Laboratory **will be closed**
and will not receive specimens on:

Veteran's Day – Friday, November 11

Thanksgiving – November 24 & 25 (Thurs. – Fri.)

Christmas – December 24 & 25 (Sat. – Sun.)

- Specimens **received more than 13 days** after collection will be **REJECTED**.
- Reminder: USPS mail service will be delayed during the holidays.
- Send dried specimens within 24 hours of collection.
- **DO NOT** hold specimens for bulk mailing.

Double-Check Dates of Collection

- Valid dates (including year) are required for testing.
- Invalid dates (month, day or year) will cause a specimen to be **REJECTED**.
- **Double-check** the collection date on all specimens before sending to DSHS.
- **Double-check** the birth date before sending to DSHS.