



What happens to the remaining blood spots and results after screening?

Following newborn screening, test results and any leftover blood spots are stored to allow for follow-up testing, if needed. Stored blood spots and test results are also used for making sure screening is accurate, improving tests, and developing new newborn screening tests. They are not used for research without the parent's written informed consent.

Parents have options for the storage of their child's blood spots and test results. You may request that your child's blood spots and results be destroyed, or you may request to obtain the blood spots through your child's primary care provider at any time. You may also choose to allow your child's blood spots and results to be used for research. Ask your provider or visit the Newborn Screening Program website for forms and instructions on how to request these options.

When will I get my baby's results?

Your baby's hearing and pulse oximetry screen results will be available on the same day of screening. Discuss the results with your provider.

The blood spot screening process takes a few days, but your baby's primary care provider will contact you as soon as possible if the results suggest a problem. The first well-child visit is also a good time to talk to your baby's primary care provider about results, as results are typically available when your baby is about a week old.

What personal information is provided to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)?

The newborn screening card that is sent to MDH for testing contains only the information about the birthing parent and baby that will help staff interpret test results and contact your baby's primary care provider if more testing or follow-up is needed. This includes, but is not limited to, baby's name, date of birth, time of birth, birthing parent's name, and the name of baby's primary care provider or clinic.

Can I refuse screening for my baby?

Yes. If you do not want your baby screened, you must complete the *Parental Refusal or Delay of Newborn Screening* form. You can ask your birth provider for a copy of the form or download it from the Newborn Screening Program website.

For more information on newborn screening:

Minnesota Newborn Screening

www.health.state.mn.us/newbornscreening

MN Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Program

www.improveehdi.org/mn

U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration

<https://newbornscreening.hrsa.gov>

Baby's First Test

www.babysfirsttest.org



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