# **Newborn Screening: On the Spot**









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# Did you know September is Newborn Screening Awareness Month?

Every September we celebrate the importance of Newborn Screening (NBS) nationally by bringing additional awareness to baby's first test. During this time of year, our partnering NBS organizations provide opportunities for us all to learn about important facts, hear parent stories and gain additional resources. Annually, our state also likes to acknowledge all of the committed newborn screening professionals, lab technicians, healthcare providers, midwives and pediatricians who contribute to the continued success of the program and to saving babies lives in California!

To learn more, please check out: https://babysfirsttest.org/newborn-screening/newborn-screening-awareness-month

#### Interested in Data for Diagnosed Cases?

Attached is our ASC's latest pie graph from January 2005 through December 2021, which shows an identified 2,251 diagnosed cases. The data includes paneled diagnosed results from newborn screens collected within our regions of Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo counties. Carrier data, missed cases, and other identified disorders not listed on the California NBS panel are not included. Please expect to receive your individual facility data along with your annual performance reports at the end of August.

# **Newborn Screening Supplies**

Automatic shipments of NBS supplies are mailed out from CDPH quarterly or twice a year depending on your facility size and allotment. However, if you are running low or would like to order parent brochures in other languages you can submit an order request online <u>here</u>. As of May 1, 2023 the hardcopy of the supply order form has been discontinued. Please use the online NBS supply portal only for ordering needs outside of your automatic delivery. You can check the status of your order through the Pacful vendor by emailing <u>gdspsupplies@pacful.com</u>. If you would like to change the delivery location or the quantity of your automatic shipments, please email our area service center.

#### **Reminder about Expired NBS Forms**

The 33 million series Test Request Form (TRF) expired on August 31, 2022. Please make sure you have gone through all of your supplies and have thrown away any remaining old 33 or 32 million series forms. You should only use the current 34 or 35 million series TRFs—even to document why a specimen is not collected. The expiration date of the TRF is located on the bottom of every form.  $\Box \ EXPIRATION DATE \ DATE$ 



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