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Laboratories Administration
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1770 Ashland Avenue
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Dear Newborn Screening Specimen Provider,

As you are aware, newborn screening (NBS) specimens that are longer than 10 days in transit are considered unsatisfactory. We advise providers to ship specimens overnight to arrive at the main laboratory for testing within 24 hours of collection through use of a commercial carrier like Federal Express (FedEX) or United Postal Service (UPS). An alternative option which would help to expedite specimen transit is to use our regional public health laboratories located on the Eastern shore or in Western Maryland to drop your NBS specimens. A state courier goes daily to these laboratories on Monday through Friday, except for holidays, to retrieve specimens and delivers them to the main laboratory in Baltimore City. If you choose to use this option, here is the information you need to facilitate the specimen drop (see below). You may start to use this option beginning on Monday November 10, 2025.

Location	Hours of operation Monday to Friday	Cutoff time for specimen drop-off	Contact
Eastern Shore Regional Laboratory 926 Snowhill Road Building #500 Salisbury, MD 28104	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	4 p.m. Drop at the loading dock	Ms. Patricia Brown Laboratory Supervisor 410-219-9005
Western Maryland Regional Laboratory 12503 Willowbrook Road Brook Building, Entrance #6 (Rear) Cumberland, MD 21502	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	4 p.m.	Ms. Ashley Sites Laboratory Supervisor 301-759-5115

For additional information please contact Mrs. Winivette Andrews Ceinor at 443-681-3900 or email mdphl.nbs@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

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