


TX 20- Newborn Screening Kits Are Expiring

Newborn Screening kits with a serial number beginning with

20 (TX 20-XXXXXXX) EXPIRE on December 31, 2022.

 TX 20-2177001 6 TX 20-2177001 6	MM/DD/YYYY Baby's Last Name Baby's First Name Baby's Date of Birth	Serial Number [SN] TX 20-2177001	AVOID HANDLING [SN] COLLECTION AREA TX20-2177001 EXPIRES 12/31/2022 1 2 3 4 5		
	Texas Newborn Screening Parent Information			PROVIDER: Fill out baby's information above. Give this form to a parent.	
<p>Parent, Congratulations on your new baby! Take your baby to your baby's doctor when your baby is 7 to 14 days old. Also, take this form! This is important. This will help the doctor get the newborn screening test results.</p> <p>What is newborn screening? It is a simple blood test to look for some diseases. These diseases can cause a baby to get really sick or die.</p> <p>Why should my baby be tested? If we find and treat these diseases early, we can keep babies from getting sick or dying.</p> <p>When is my baby tested? In Texas, babies have a newborn screening test when they are 1 to 2 days old. This test is done again at 7 to 14 days old. The test is done as required by Texas law.</p> <p>How is newborn screening done? A little blood from your baby's foot is put on a blood spot card. The cards are sent to be tested at the Department of State Health Services (DSHS).</p> <p>How do I get results? You can get the test results from your baby's doctor. The results are sent to the doctor from DSHS in one to two weeks.</p> <p>Is more testing available? DSHS screens for many but not all diseases your baby may have. More tests can be done. Ask your baby's doctor and see www.babysfirsttest.org/find-condition.</p>		<p>What happens to the blood spot card after testing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSHS keeps the blood spot cards in a secure place for up to two years. By Texas law (Health & Safety Code Sec. 33.018(b)-(c)), the blood spots may be used during that time. Uses include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSHS and external quality assurance to make sure tests, equipment, and supplies are working right; Developing new tests; and/or DSHS studies of diseases that affect public health. If you give your OK, your baby's blood spot cards will be stored for up to 25 years, and they may be used for public health research outside of DSHS. <p>Complete, sign, and return the "Parent Decision Form for Storage and Use of Newborn Screening Blood Spot Cards" to make your choice.</p> <p>No matter your choice, no information that identifies you or your child can be released outside DSHS without your additional written OK. There are a few exceptions, as provided by law.</p> <p>You can change your mind at any time.</p> <p>For more information, call 1(888) 963-7111 ext. 7333 or visit: www.dshs.texas.gov/lab/newbornscreening.shtm</p>			
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Check any current stock and use TX 20 kits first to collect specimens **before** they expire.

Specimens collected on TX 20 kits **after** December 31, 2022, will be **UNSATISFACTORY** for testing and must be recollected.

Questions / Comments

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