



Every time you fill out a newborn screening form, you hold a baby's life in your hands.



The form is divided into three main sections:

- BABY (Blue background):** Includes fields for last name, first name, sex (Male, Female, Ambiguous), birth date, birth time, birth weight, weeks gestation, single/multiple birth, birth order, antibiotics, meconium ileus, collection date, collection time, collected by, NICU or special care, any RBC transfusion, transfusion date, trans. start time, medical record #, ethnicity, race, type of collection, and other feeding (Breast, Milk-based, Soy, None).
- MOTHER (Purple background):** Includes fields for last name, first name, address, city, state, zip, phone, medical record #, birth date, hepatitis B surface antigen (HbSAg) test date and result, and parent type (Adoptive, Foster, Agency).
- PROVIDER (Green background):** Includes fields for last name, first name, phone, fax, submitter name, address, city, state, zip, hospital code, and birth hospital.

Additional features include a 'FIRST SAMPLE' label, a 'NOTES' field, and a barcode with the number 3206001. A red oval highlights the expiration date 'EXPIRES: 2026-10-31'.

Baby's Name: If first name hasn't been decided, use "boy" or "girl".

Sex: Vital in alerting lab of ambiguous genitalia.

Birth date/time + Collection date/time: Record in military time. Exact age of infant (in hours) and time of collection is critical for validity of test results.

Birth weight: Record in grams. Accuracy is critical for lab cutoff values.

Weeks gestation: Record weeks gestation at time of birth.

Single/Multiple birth/Birth order: Birth order is vital for linking results.

Antibiotics: Mark "yes" if the infant is currently receiving antibiotics or has received antibiotics postnatally within 48 hours before specimen collection.

Meconium Ileus: If meconium ileus is present, select yes. If not, select no.

NICU or Special Care (SCN): Select "no", as this does not apply to home births.

RBC Transfusion: Indicate "yes" if the newborn was ever transfused with red blood cells prior to specimen collection, including in utero. Record the most recent transfusion date and start time (in military time).

Medical Record Number: Leave blank, as this does not apply to home births.

Ethnicity/Race: Record **both** ethnicity and race. If father's race is unknown, use mother's ethnicity and race.

Type of collection: Heel stick is the preferred method. If another method used, indicate method. Flush type is flush used prior to collection, if any.

Other feeding: Check all that apply. Formula: Select milk-based or soy.

TPN Select "no", as this does not apply to home births.

Mother's Name: Record name as it will appear on birth certificate. If infant will not be released into care of mother, mark the appropriate circle. Provide contact information for the adoptive/foster parent or adoption agency in place of the mother's information.

Mother's Contact info: Record accurate address and phone number. This is critical to locate newborns in need of clinical evaluation or retesting.

Mother's Medical Record: Leave blank, as this does not apply to home births.

Mother's Date of Birth: Record accurately for linking of records.

Hep B Surface Antigen: Record date of mother's test and result. Positive results should be faxed to MDHHS Perinatal Hep B Prevention Program at 517-763-0470.

Provider contact information: Verify and record accurate PCP contact information. Only include midwife information here if a PCP has not been selected yet. This is critical information, as the recorded provider will be contacted with abnormal results or need to retest. **DO NOT LEAVE BLANK.**

Submitter contact information: Record accurate submitter contact info.

Birth hospital: Enter "homebirth" or record name of birthing center.

Notes: Use space to notify NBS Program of any additional information, such as family history of disorder, meconium ileus, transfers, safe surrender, etc.

MDHHS Use Only – Please do not write or place stickers in this spot.

Ensure demographic portion of NBS card is filled out clearly and correctly. If an error occurs, put a single strikeout line through incorrect information, clearly write correct information next to it, and make a notation in notes field attesting corrections are accurate. If multiple errors occur, complete a new screen.