

Wisconsin Newborn Screening: Three Parts for a Healthy Start

Have you ever wondered

- What is the newborn screening process?
- How can newborn screening help my baby?
- How will I receive the results of my baby's three screens?

Newborn screening is for every baby! The newborn screening process reveals if your baby might have certain conditions. Most babies are born healthy. The newborn screening process is the best way to find newborns with potentially serious conditions and get them the care they need.



Blood screening

Several drops of blood are collected from your baby's heel 24-48 hours after birth. This sample is sent to the Wisconsin Newborn Screening Lab. The lab tests your baby's blood for conditions like cystic fibrosis and sickle cell disease.

Your baby's doctor will contact you if your baby screens positive and help you schedule additional testing.



Heart screening

Newborn heart screening evaluates your baby for congenital (born with) heart disease. A sensor is used to measure how much oxygen your baby's heart is pumping throughout their body.

Low oxygen levels may indicate a heart problem. If this happens, action will be taken right away to get your baby the help they need.



Hearing screening

Newborn hearing screening checks your baby's ability to hear. Early diagnosis of hearing differences can improve your baby's ability to communicate. It also helps your baby bond with you.

If your baby needs an additional test, your health care professional will help you schedule an appointment.

Blood

Heart

Hearing

How is my baby screened?

Baby's heel is pricked to collect a sample of blood.

A device is placed on baby's hand and foot.

While baby is asleep, headphones are placed over each ear and soft tones are played.

Recommended timeframe for screening

24–48 hours after birth

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12–48 hours after birth, up to one month after birth

When will I get the results?

Ask for results at your baby's first appointment.

Appointment Date:

____/____/____

Ask for results at the time of screening, and remember to discuss the results at your baby's first appointment.

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My Baby's Results



Screening date:

____/____/____

Screening result:

- ☐ Blood screen negative
Or
☐ Additional test needed

Screening date:

____/____/____

Screening result:

- ☐ Passed
Or
☐ Additional test needed

Screening date:

____/____/____

Screening result:

Right ear:

- ☐ Passed
Or
☐ Additional test needed

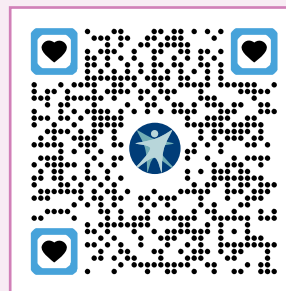
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- ☐ Passed
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Where to go for more information



dhs.wisconsin.gov/newbornscreening/blood.htm



dhs.wisconsin.gov/newbornscreening/cchd.htm



dhs.wisconsin.gov/newbornscreening/hearing.htm

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