

# The California Prenatal Screening Program

## California Department of Public Health

### Genetic Disease Screening Program

## Prenatal Screening Results Portal Announcement

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The Genetic Disease Screening Program is developing a Prenatal Screening Results Portal. This web-based portal will be available to California prenatal providers to access real-time patient results for the California Prenatal Screening Program. Any offered Follow-up actions, authorized by the PNS Program, will accompany these test results.

### Who will have access?

Medical doctors licensed with the Medical Board of California, Nurses registered with the California Board of Registered Nursing, and Genetic counselors licensed with the State of California.

Patients **will not** be granted access to the portal.

User accounts and passwords will be self-managed, like any web-based self-service account.

### How will I look up a patient?

Providers will be required to know:

First name, last name, date of birth, PNS form number: referred to as the “test requisition number” located on the PNS test request form.

### How will this impact me?

Providers that order prenatal screening tests will continue to receive paper result mailers. If a patient’s test results change, a modified result mailer will be generated and mailed as usual, however updated results will be available to the provider via the Prenatal Screening results portal. Providers will no longer have to wait for PNS case coordinators to fax updated results, this should help improve time and efficiency of patient care.

### New results faxing policy restrictions:

Provider requests to PNS Program Coordinators for Faxed patient results will be restricted once the Prenatal Screening Results Portal is launched.

Clinicians who routinely refer patients for care at prenatal diagnosis centers (PDCs), for genetic counseling, and other diagnostic services will need to include either the patient’s PNS result mailer and/or the PNS form number on their PDC referral forms to avoid interruptions of patient care until and after the Prenatal Screening Results Portal goes live.

### Faxing Policy Restrictions

Providers who are dependent on faxed results due to delays in their institution’s scanning department or mailing system are encouraged to begin working with their institution now to find solutions prior to portal launch.

The Genetic Disease Screening Program is expecting to release the Prenatal Screening Results portal during the latter part of 2020. A launch date and roll out plan will be announced. We will continue to send PNS Program communications to keep you informed. You can also send an email to [pns@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:pns@cdph.ca.gov) to sign up for electronic communications.



Online Supply Ordering Now Available New! Announcing the launch of the Prenatal Screening (PNS) Programs' online ordering system for PNS testing kits, PNS forms, program consent booklets and educational materials. Offices, clinics, and labs should order supplies through our new online webpage. Prenatal screening will no longer allow faxed supply order forms to the PNS Program. All successfully received orders will receive a confirmation email. Online supply ordering is available now! The webpage can be accessed for:

**Offices and Hospitals:**

[https://warehouse.pacful.com/clients/cdph-gdsp-supply/PNS\\_Order\\_Form\\_clinicians.html](https://warehouse.pacful.com/clients/cdph-gdsp-supply/PNS_Order_Form_clinicians.html)

**Draw Stations and Labs:**

[https://warehouse.pacful.com/clients/cdph-gdsp-supply/PNS\\_Order\\_Form\\_draw.html](https://warehouse.pacful.com/clients/cdph-gdsp-supply/PNS_Order_Form_draw.html)

For questions or more information about PNS Program supplies or our new supply ordering website, visit our "Supplies" page at <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/PNS> or call (510) 412-1441.

**Please remember:** The law requires all prenatal care providers to give the "Important Information for Parents about Screening Your Newborn" booklet to your pregnant patients in the third trimester. The newborn screening test is mandatory, and a heel-stick specimen will be collected at the birth facility between 12 and 48 hours after birth. Over 80 genetic diseases are included on the California newborn screening panel. Through newborn screening, early diagnosis and treatment can prevent death and disability. For more information please visit: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CFH/DGDS/Pages/nbs/default.aspx>



In these unprecedented times, the California Prenatal Screening Program is operating as usual. As the effects of the pandemic unfold, we will continue to make the prenatal screening community our top priority to minimize any disruption to normal services.

