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California Department of Public Health



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Dear Pediatric Care Provider:

Since August 2010 all newborns have been screened for Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID), also known as the “bubble boy disease” as part of the Newborn Screening panel. Starting with specimens received on March 1, 2013, we will begin reporting out T-Cell Receptor Excision Circles (TRECs) as the test for SCID. SCID results will be included in the standard Newborn Screening (NBS) result mailers, which have been reformatted to allow for their inclusion. Additional time is necessary to obtain the SCID screening results, and therefore; **result mailers will take an extra ten to fourteen days to reach your office.** We ask that you wait at least 24 days after the baby’s birth before you request an NBS mailer. If the mailer has not arrived by then, follow instructions given on our website to request a copy of a result mailer.

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/nbs/Pages/NBSFAQ.aspx>.

As with all disorders including SCID, as soon as any newborn screening test is positive, the NBS Area Service Center (ASC) staff will promptly contact the physician by phone (prior to the results mailer being sent) with follow-up recommendations.

If you have any questions please contact your ASC at the phone number located near the bottom of every Newborn Screening Result Mailer.

Please take the time to **verify your information on the back of this letter** and fax it back to (510) 412-1559 at your earliest convenience. The address shown should be the address used to RECEIVE the NBS results mailers. Fax back to us even if there are no corrections or additions.

Sincerely,

Erica G. Gordon, MA, Chief
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enclosure

Newborn Screening Result Mailers Verification

We are in the process of updating our physician records to ensure that newborn screening result mailers are received in a timely manner. Please review the information below and approve or correct the information. Be sure to add the physician's NPI number. Fax it back to 510-412-1559. Thank you for your assistance in updating our records.

Record #:

Our Records:

Corrections (if needed)

Physician Name:	
Address:	
Suite# :	
City:	
Zip:	
Phone:	
Fax:	
License Number:	
NPI Number:	
Email Address:	

The information above is correct

Initials of person approving or editing data: _____

Please fax back even if there are no changes to: (510) 412-1559