

## Parent Overview

All babies born in New Jersey are required by law to receive a newborn blood screen 24-48 hours after their birth. Newborn screening is a simple and safe blood test that provides important information about your baby's health.

The blood sample is used to screen for many rare conditions which, if left untreated, may result in serious health problems. A newborn baby can look healthy, but have a serious disease that cannot be seen right after birth. Newborn Screening helps to detect these unseen illnesses. Early diagnosis and treatment may help prevent problems and complications related to these conditions.

The New Jersey Newborn Screening Program currently tests for **55** different disorders and identifies about 150 babies a year who have one of these rare and serious illnesses. **However**, in 2017 the number of tests will increase to 61.

**KNOW YOUR RESULTS!** Please check with your baby's doctor to find out your baby's Newborn Screening test results. Results are often available as early as your baby's one-week checkup. If a repeat test is recommended for any reason, please arrange for it to be completed as soon as possible.

Websites below are written for parents and have lots of good information about Newborn Screening:



<http://www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/nbs/>  
[www.BabysFirstTest.org](http://www.BabysFirstTest.org)  
[www.NewbornScreening.info](http://www.NewbornScreening.info)  
[www.SaveBabies.org](http://www.SaveBabies.org)



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