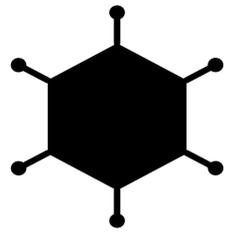




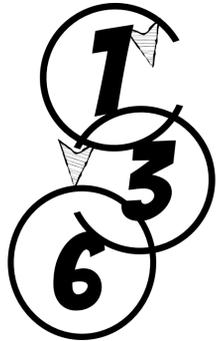
Newborn Hearing Screening & COVID-19



NE-EHDI understands it may take longer to schedule appointments for additional hearing screens or audiologic diagnostic appointments due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Newborn hearing screening is *still essential* for every baby's well-being. Follow-up needs to be done as soon as possible, while still being cautious and responsible in the current public health crisis we are facing. To date, there have been no official federal or state changes to newborn hearing screening guidelines. We will continue to monitor this situation and follow guidance from our Federal and other collaborative partners regarding how to proceed with challenges for newborn hearing screening and diagnostic follow-up.

JCIH 1-3-6 Goals

The Joint Committee on Infant Hearing has established 1-3-6 goals for newborn hearing screening and follow-up.



All infants should receive a hearing screening by **one** month of age.

All infants who refer should receive a diagnostic evaluation prior to **three** months of age.

All infants who are identified as deaf or hard of hearing should begin receiving early intervention services by **six** months of age.

Visit our website to find out about:



Resources

Find reliable resources for services related to audiology evaluations, family support, early intervention and relevant research topics.



Timely Follow-up

Find out why timely follow-up is important for infants who do not pass their newborn hearing screening.



Next Steps

Determine what to do next when a baby does not pass the newborn hearing screening at birth.



Ongoing Monitoring

Understand and identify risk factors for late onset hearing loss, and when ongoing monitoring is needed.



Family Support

Learn the benefits of connecting with families of deaf or hard of hearing children, and where they can find support.



Milestones

Learn about important milestones for speech and language development in the critical first years of life.

For more information visit:



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