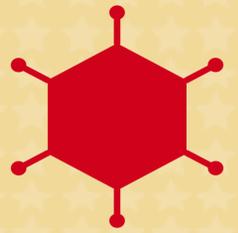




Newborn Hearing Screening

& 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 your 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:



Next Steps

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



Family Support

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



Timely Follow-up

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



Milestones

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

You are not alone!



A parent guide is available to answer questions and provide additional information about what to do while waiting for your follow-up appointment.

Call Shelli:
(402) 237-9007

For more information visit:



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