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Possible Canada Post Strike

With the possibility of a Canada Post strike, we would like to make you aware of the following changes that NSO will implement should this strike occur to prevent delays in patient care:

1) Screen Negative Mailers

Mailers are typically sent by Canada Post each day. In the event of a strike, we will batch negative mailers and send them out by Canpar once a week.

2) Unsatisfactory Sample Mailers

Unsatisfactory sample mailers, which are normally phoned out to the submitter and sent out daily via Canada Post, will be faxed to the submitting institution twice a week and hard copies will be sent with the negative reports weekly. Submitters will still receive daily phone calls regarding unsatisfactory samples.

3) Screen Positive Mailers

Screen positive infants are referred out by phone and fax to a regional treatment centre who retrieves the infant for follow up. Once retrieval has been confirmed by the treatment centre, the screen positive mailer is forwarded to the submitting hospital. As there is no further action required by the submitter in the retrieval of the screen positive infant, these reports will also be sent weekly via Canpar.

In special circumstances where an interim report is required, you can contact NSO by fax to make these requests. We would appreciate receiving feedback regarding these implementations and whether they have positively or negatively impacted your institution, or whether these were of no consequence to your daily practice.

These bulletins are circulated to keep you abreast of changes to Newborn Screening Ontario. Please share this information with any relevant personnel in your hospital / practice. If there is someone who would like to be added to this list, contact NSO at: (613) 738-3222, option #0 or at NewbornScreening@cheo.on.ca.