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Newborn Screening Ontario (NSO) has experienced delays in sample delivery due to Canpar courier's holiday hours and weather events. Due to these delays, some samples that were picked up on December 24th will only be received at NSO on Monday, December 31st. In addition, due to the New Year's Day holiday, we anticipate delays later next week.

This bulletin is to let you know that results may not be available as promptly as usual, and if there were delays at other points prior to shipping, some samples may be unsatisfactory for testing. You may experience an increased number of calls for information and/or potential missed screens next week due to these delays. NSO will be expediting confirmation testing as necessary to report screen positives as soon as possible.

NSO has expressed our concerns to Canpar and asked them to investigate delays in their process. We also ask that each submitter review internal processes to minimize delays and ensure samples are sent to NSO on a daily basis. If you have any concerns or recommendations about sample shipping during holiday periods, please contact us.

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: 1-877-627-8330, option #0 or at NewbornScreening@cheo.on.ca.