



When to Collect Blood Specimens

Birth at a Hospital or a free standing birth center

Collect a specimen before discharge from hospital of birth, after 24 hours of birth but no later than five days, as mandated by statute. If blood transfusion is to be made collect the sample before the transfusion even if it is before 24 hours of age. An initial specimen collected from a child who has received a transfusion of blood shall be so labeled. If the initial sample is collected before 24 hours, obtain a repeat specimen at least 24 hours post transfusion.

For a newborn child who is transferred to another hospital, the blood specimen shall be collected at the receiving hospital as soon as possible after twenty-four hours of age, but no later than when the child reaches five days of age.

Birth outside a Hospital or a free standing birth center

The attending physician, certified nurse midwife, the certified nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist shall collect the specimen before the child reaches five days of age, but no sooner than twenty-four hours of age. When no physician, certified nurse midwife, certified nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist is in attendance, the health commissioner, upon notification of the birth by the local registrar, shall cause a blood specimen to be collected within five business days after being notified of the birth of a child under this paragraph, but no sooner than when the child reaches twenty-four hours of age.