




September 2019 is Newborn Screening Awareness Month

The Connecticut Department of Public Health recognizes September as Newborn Screening Awareness Month

Did you know?

- Nearly 4 million babies receive Newborn Screening (NBS) every year. Last year in Connecticut over 36,000 babies (> 99% of all babies born in CT) received at least one NBS test.
- Newborn screening (NBS) has three parts:
 -  A blood test (heel-stick screen):
 -  A hearing test
 -  A test for certain types of heart problems (pulse oximetry screen)
- Newborn Screening is a state public health service that screens babies for serious but treatable medical conditions.
- More than 1 in 300 newborns have a treatable condition that can be picked up by NBS



Learn more here: <http://bit.ly/2OZsQTQ> #2019NBS

- Newborn Screening in Connecticut started in 1964 and tested for one condition (PKU), now we can pick up over 60 different conditions.



Learn more here:

- <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Laboratory/Newborn-Screening/Newborn-Screening-Program>
- <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Family-Health/Birth-Defects-Registry/Critical-Congenital-Heart-Disease-CCHD>
- <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Family-Health/EHDI/Home-page--Early-Hearing-Detection-and-Intervention-Program-Home-Page>

- Join Baby's First Test and the March of Dimes for a Twitter Chat #2019NBS on Tuesday September 17, at 2 p.m.

TWITTER CHAT *Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 17th at 2pm ET*



Save the Date

Newborn Screening
Twitter Chat

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September 17, 2019
2PM EST