



— After Newborn Genetic Testing of Baby is Done —  
**State Government Retention of Newborn Dried Blood Spots ("Baby DNA")**

STATE	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Opt-Out	Destruction Form	Refusal Form
Alabama	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	*	3 mo	3 mo	Religious	NA	Yes
Alaska	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	*	3 yrs	3 yrs	Yes	No	Yes
Arizona <sup>1</sup>	3 mo	3 mo/ Indefinitely	3 mo/ Indefinitely	3 mo/ Indefinitely	3 mo/ Indefinitely	3 mo/ Indefinitely	3 mo/ Indefinitely	3 mo/ Indefinitely	*	3 mo/ Indefinitely*	3 mo/indefinitely	Yes	NA	Yes
Arkansas	3-6 mo	3-4 mo	3-4 mo	2 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs	*	2yrs	1 yr/indefinitely	Medical, Religious, Philosophical	NA	Uncertain
California <sup>1</sup>	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	*	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Religious	Yes	Yes, BUT Refuse on collection card
Colorado	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	*	6 mo	5 years	Personal/Religious	NA	Uncertain
Connecticut	2 yrs	6 mo	6 mo	2 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	2 yrs	> 2 yrs	*	>2yrs	>2yrs	Religious	NA	Yes
Delaware	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	*	3 yrs	3 yrs	Religious	NA	Yes - Can't Find
D.C.	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	*	1 yr	1 yr	Yes	NA	Uncertain
Florida	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	*	6 mo	6 mo	Yes	NA	Uncertain
Georgia	12 wks/ 2yrs	2 mo	2 mo	2 mo	3 mo / 2 yrs	3 mo / 2 yrs	3 mo / 2 yrs	3 mo / 2 yrs	*	3 mo / 2 yrs*	3 mo / 2 yrs*	Religious	Yes - after 12 weeks	No? 511-5-5-.03
Hawaii	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	*	1 yr	1 yr	Religious	NA	Yes
Idaho	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	18 mo	18 mo	18 mo	18 mo	*	18 mo	18 mo	Religious	NA	Uncertain
Illinois	2 mo/4 mo	2 mo/4 mo	2 mo/4 mo	2 mo/4 mo	2 mo / 6 yrs	2 mo / 6 yrs	2 mo / 6 yrs	2 mo / 6 yrs	*	2 mo / 6 yrs*	2 mo / 6 yrs*	Religious	NA	Uncertain
Indiana	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	6 mo / 3 yrs	6 mo / 3 yrs	6 mo / 3 yrs	6 mo / 3 yrs	*	6 mo / 3 yrs	6 mo / 3 yrs	Religious	Yes	Yes
Iowa	1 yr	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	*	5 yrs	5 yrs	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kansas <sup>1</sup>	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo / Indefinitely	1 mo / Indefinitely	1 mo / Indefinitely	*	1 mo / Indefinitely*	1 mo / Indefinitely*	Religious	NA	Uncertain
Kentucky <sup>1</sup>	6-8 wks/ Indefinitely	6 mo	6 mo	2 mo	2 mo	2 mo / Indefinitely	2 mo / Indefinitely	2 mo / Indefinitely	*	2 mo / Indefinitely*	2 mo / Indefinitely*	Strict Religious	NA	Uncertain
Louisiana	1 yr	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	*	1 mo	1 mo	Yes	NA	Uncertain
Maine <sup>1</sup>	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	*	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Religious	Yes	Yes
Maryland	Indefinitely Since 2004	25 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs	*	25 yrs	25 yrs	Yes	NA	Yes
Massachusetts <sup>1</sup>	22 yrs	21.5 yrs	21.5 yrs	21.5 yrs	15-16 yrs	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	*	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Religious	Uncertain - Allowed	Yes
Michigan <sup>1</sup>	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	100 yrs	*	100 yrs	100 yrs	Yes	Yes	Yes
Minnesota <sup>1,2</sup>	Indefinitely	71 Days	Indefinitely as of 8/1/14	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	*	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mississippi	1 yr Minimum	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	*	1 yr	1 yr	Religious	Yes - Request for Card	Yes
Missouri	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	*	5 yrs	5 yrs	Religious	Yes - Write Letter	Yes - Just in Writing
Montana	1 yr/ Indefinitely	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	*	1 yr	1 yr	Yes	Yes - Can't Find	NA

Nebraska	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	120 days <sup>3</sup>	120 days <sup>3</sup>	*	120 / Indefinitely with Parent Consent*	120 / Indefinitely with Parent Consent*	No	No	No
Nevada	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	*	1 yr	1 yr	Personal/Religious	No	Yes
New Hampshire	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	*	6 mo	6 mo	Yes	No	Yes
New Jersey	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	*	23 yrs	23 yrs	Religious	No	Yes - Document in MR
New Mexico	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	*	1 yr	1 yr	Yes	No	Yes
New York	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	*	27 yrs	27 yrs	Religious	Yes	Yes
North Carolina	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	*	5 yrs	5 yrs	Yes	Unknown	Yes - Can't Find
North Dakota	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	18 yrs	18 yrs	*	18 years	18 yrs	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ohio	2 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs	> 2 yrs	> 2 yrs	> 2 yrs	> 2 yrs	*	> 2 yrs	> 2 yrs	Religious	No	Yes
Oklahoma	1 mo	42 Days	42 Days	42 Days	42 Days	42 Days	42 Days	42 Days	*	42 Days	42 Days	Religious	No	Yes
Oregon	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	*	1 yr	1 yr	Religious	Yes	Yes
Pennsylvania	8 mo	8 mo	8 mo	8 mo	8 mo	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	*	1 yr	1 yr	Religious	Yes	Yes
Rhode Island	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	*	23 yrs	23 yrs	Religious	No	Yes
South Carolina <sup>1</sup>	6 mo	1 yr "longer"	1yr/ "longer"	1yr/ "longer"	> 2 yrs	Until No Longer Needed	Until No Longer Needed	Until No Longer Needed	*	Until Completed Test ~12 mo	Until Completed Test ~12 mo	Religious	Yes	Yes
South Dakota	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	Until Completed Test	Until Completed Test	Until Completed Test	Until Completed Test	*	Unknown	Until Completed Test	No	No	No
Tennessee <sup>1</sup>	12 mo/ Indefinitely	12 mo/ Indefinitely	12 mo/ Indefinitely	12 mo/ Indefinitely	12 mo/ Indefinitely	12 mo/ Indefinitely	12 mo/ Indefinitely	12 mo/ Indefinitely	*	12 mo/ Indefinitely*	12 mo/ Indefinitely*	Religious	unknown	Yes
Texas <sup>4</sup>	25 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs	2 yrs/25 yrs	2 yrs/25 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs <sup>5</sup>	2 yrs <sup>5</sup>	*	2 yrs	2 yrs	Religious	Yes	Yes
Utah	90 Days	90 Days	90 Days	90 Days	> 90 days	> 90 days	> 90 days	> 90 days	*	> 90 days	> 90 days	Religious	Yes	Yes
Vermont	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	*	1 yr	1 yr	Yes	Uncertain - Allowed	Yes
Virginia <sup>1</sup>	6 mo/10 yrs	6 mo/10 yrs	6 mo/10 yrs	6 mo/10 yrs	6 mo/10 yrs	6 mo/10 yrs	6 mo/10 yrs	6 mo/10 yrs	*	6 mo/ 10 yrs*	6 mo/ 10 yrs*	Religious	No	Yes
Washington	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	*	21 yrs	21 yrs	Religious	Yes	Back of Card
West Virginia	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	*	3 mo	3 mo	No	No	No
Wisconsin	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	*	1 yr	1 yr	Religious/Personal	No	Unclear
Wyoming	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	*	6 mo	6 mo	Yes	Unknown	Yes

<sup>1</sup> States that have extended retention for positive results (from 10 yrs to indefinitely) as of 2018 .

<sup>2</sup> The Minnesota Department of Health was required to destroy all samples collected prior to August 1, 2014.

<sup>3</sup> Unless requested for research, blood spots are stored for 90 days and must be destroyed within 30 days of the expiration of the 90 day period.

<sup>4</sup> In February 2008, the NNSIS showed Texas retention as 6 mo. in 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008. On March 12, 2009, the Texas Civil Rights Project sued the Texas Department of Health after a newspaper in Austin, Texas reported that the Texas Department of Health has been keeping newborn blood indefinitely for the past six yrs. On March 20, 2009 there was no retention data from 2005 – 2009.

<sup>5</sup> Blood spots received: before 5/27/2009 were destroyed | 5/27/2009 - 5/31/2012 kept indefinitely | 6/1/2012 or later kept 2 yrs.

\* Chart was not updated in 2020

\* first length of time indicates how long samples are kept when nothing unusual is detected. Second length of time indicates how long samples are retained when an abnormality is discovered.