



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

STATE	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Opt-Out
Alabama	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	*	3 mo	Religious
Alaska	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	*	3 yrs	Yes
Arizona <sup>1</sup>	3 mo	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*	Yes
Arkansas	3-6 mo	3-6 mo	3-4 mo	3-4 mo	2 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs	*	2yrs	Medical, Religious, Philosophical
California <sup>1</sup>	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	*	Indefinitely	Religious
Colorado	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	*	6 mo	Personal/Religious
Connecticut	2 yrs	2 yrs	6 mo	6 mo	2 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	2 yrs	> 2 yrs	*	>2yrs	Religious
Delaware	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	*	3 yrs	Religious
D.C.	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	*	1 yr	Yes
Florida	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	*	6 mo	Yes
Georgia	12 wk/2 yrs	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*	Religious
Hawaii	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	*	1 yr	Religious
Idaho	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	18 mo	18 mo	18 mo	18 mo	*	18 mo	Religious
Illinois	2 mo/4 mo	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*	Religious
Indiana	23 yrs	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	Religious
Iowa	1 yr	1 yr	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	*	5 yrs	Yes
Kansas <sup>1</sup>	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo / Indefinitely	1 mo / Indefinitely	1 mo / Indefinitely	*	1 mo / Indefinitely*	Religious
Kentucky <sup>1</sup>	6-8 wks/ Indefinitely	6-8 wks/ Indefinitely	6 mo	6 mo	2 mo	2 mo	2 mo / Indefinitely	2 mo / Indefinitely	2 mo / Indefinitely	*	2 mo / Indefinitely*	Strict Religious
Louisiana	1 yr	1 yr	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	*	1 mo	Yes
Maine <sup>1</sup>	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	*	Indefinitely	Religious
Maryland	Indefinitely Since 2004	Indefinitely Since 2004	25 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs	*	25 yrs	Yes
Massachusetts <sup>1</sup>	22 yrs	22 yrs	21.5 yrs	21.5 yrs	21.5 yrs	15-16 yrs	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	*	Indefinitely	Religious
Michigan <sup>1</sup>	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	100 yrs	*	100 yrs	Yes
Minnesota <sup>1, 2</sup>	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	71 Days	Indefinitely as of 8/1/14	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	*	Indefinitely	Yes
Mississippi	1 yr Minimum	1 yr Minimum	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	*	1 yr	Religious
Missouri	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	*	5 yrs	Religious
Montana	1 yr/ Indefinitely	1 yr/ Indefinitely	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	*	1 yr	Yes
Nebraska	3 mo	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*	No
Nevada	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	*	1 yr	Personal/Religious
New Hampshire	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	*	6 mo	Yes
New Jersey	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	*	23 yrs	Yes

<b>New Mexico</b>	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	*	1 yr	Yes
<b>New York</b>	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	*	27 yrs	Religious
<b>North Carolina</b>	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	*	5 yrs	Yes
<b>North Dakota</b>	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	18 yrs	18 yrs	*	18 years	Yes
<b>Ohio</b>	2 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs	> 2 yrs	> 2 yrs	> 2 yrs	> 2 yrs	*	> 2 yrs	Religious
<b>Oklahoma</b>	1 mo	1 mo	42 Days	42 Days	42 Days	42 Days	42 Days	42 Days	42 Days	*	42 Days	Religious
<b>Oregon</b>	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	*	1 yr	Religious
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	8 mo	8 mo	8 mo	8 mo	8 mo	8 mo	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	*	1 yr	Religious
<b>Rhode Island</b>	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	*	23 yrs	Religious
<b>South Carolina</b> <sup>1</sup>	6 mo	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	Religious
<b>South Dakota</b>	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	Until Completed Test	Until Completed Test	Until Completed Test	Until Completed Test	*	Unknown	No
<b>Tennessee</b> <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/ Indefinitely*	Religious
<b>Texas</b> <sup>4</sup>	25 yrs	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	Religious
<b>Utah</b>	90 Days	90 Days	90 Days	90 Days	90 Days	> 90 days	> 90 days	> 90 days	> 90 days	*	> 90 days	Religious
<b>Vermont</b>	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	*	1 yr	Yes
<b>Virginia</b> <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
<b>Washington</b>	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	*	21 yrs	Religious
<b>West Virginia</b>	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	*	3 mo	No
<b>Wisconsin</b>	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	*	1 yr	Religious/Personal
<b>Wyoming</b>	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	*	6 mo	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

Note: 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.