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STATE	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Alabama	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo
Alaska	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs
Arizona ¹	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo/ Indefinitely	3 mo/ Indefinitely	3 mo/ Indefinitely	3 mo/ Indefinitely	3 mo/ Indefinitely	3 mo/ Indefinitely
Arkansas	2 yrs	3-6 mo	3-6 mo	3-6 mo	3-6 mo	3-6 mo	3-4 mo	3-4 mo	2 years	2 years	2 years	2 years
California ¹	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely
Colorado	3 mo	3 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo
Connecticut	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	2 yrs	2 yrs	6 mo	6 mo	2 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	2 years
Delaware	4 mo	4 mo	4 mo	4 mo	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs
D.C.	2 yr Minimum	2 yr Minimum	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr
Florida	>5 yrs	>5 yrs	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo
Georgia	6 wk	6 wk	6 wk	6 wk	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
Hawaii	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr
Idaho	Unclear	Unclear	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	18 mo	18 mo	18 mo
Illinois	2 mo/4 mo	2 mo/4 mo	2 mo/4 mo	2 mo/4 mo	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
Indiana	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	6 mo / 3 yrs	6 mo / 3 yrs	6 mo / 3 yrs
Iowa	5 yrs	5 yrs	Indefinitely	5 yrs	1 yr	1 yr	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs
Kansas ¹	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo / Indefinitely	1 mo / Indefinitely
Kentucky ¹	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6-8 wks/ Indefinitely	6-8 wks/ Indefinitely	6 mo	6 mo	2 mo	2 mo	2 mo / Indefinitely	2 mo / Indefinitely
Louisiana	2wk/1mo	2wk/1mo	30 Days	30 Days	1 yr	1 yr	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo
Maine ¹	5 yrs	5 yrs	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely
Maryland	Indefinitely Since 2004	Indefinitely Since 2004	Indefinitely Since 2004	Indefinitely Since 2004	Indefinitely Since 2004	Indefinitely Since 2004	25 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs
Massachusetts ¹	Since 1991	Since 1991	Since 1991	Since 1991	22 yrs	22 yrs	21.5 yrs	21.5 yrs	21.5 yrs	15-16 yrs	Indefinitely	Indefinitely
Michigan ¹	21.5 yrs	21.5 yrs	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely
Minnesota ^{1,2}	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	71 Days	Indefinitely as of 8/1/14	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely
Mississippi	2 yr Minimum	2 yr Minimum	2 yr Minimum	2 yr Minimum	1 yr Minimum	1 yr Minimum	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr
Missouri	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs
Montana	2 - 6 mo	2 - 6 mo	3 yrs	3 yrs	1 yr/ Indefinitely	1 yr/ Indefinitely	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr
Nebraska	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	120 days ³
Nevada	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr
New Hampshire	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo
New Jersey	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs
New Mexico	3 mo	3 mo	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr
New York	No Data	No Data	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs
North Carolina	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs
North Dakota	10 yrs	10 yrs	Indefinitely	5 yrs	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	18 yrs

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Ohio	21 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs	> 2 yrs	> 2 yrs	> 2 yrs
Oklahoma	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	42 Days	42 Days	42 Days	42 Days	42 Days	42 Days
Oregon	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr
Pennsylvania	3 mo	3 mo	8 mo	8 mo	8 mo	8 mo	8 mo	8 mo	8 mo	8 mo	1 yr	1 yr
Rhode Island	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs
South Carolina ¹	Parent Choice	Parent Choice	2 yrs then Parent Choice	2 yrs then Parent Choice	6 mo	6 mo	1 yr/ "longer"	1 yr/ "longer"	1 yr/ "longer"	> 2 yrs	Until No Longer Needed	Until No Longer Needed
South Dakota	2 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	Until Completed Test	Until Completed Test	Until Completed Test
Tennessee ¹	3 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	12 mo/ Indefinitely	12 mo/ Indefinitely
Texas ⁴	No Data	No Data	25 yrs /Under Review	25 yrs /Under Review	25 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs	2 yrs/25 yrs	2 yrs/25 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs ⁵
Utah	3 mo	3 mo	2 yrs	2 yrs	90 Days	90 Days	90 Days	90 Days	90 Days	> 90 days	90 days - 22yrs	90 days - 22yrs
Vermont	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	1 yr	1 yr
Virginia ¹	6 mo/10 yrs	6 mo/10 yrs	6 mo/10 yrs	6 mo	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
Washington	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs
West Virginia	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo
Wisconsin	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr
Wyoming	No Data	No Data	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo

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

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

³ 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.

⁴ 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 years. On March 20, 2009 there was no retention data from 2005 – 2009.

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