



Important Notice



DSHS Laboratory Submission Deadline Changing

- ***In order to meet test requirements, the DSHS Laboratory must receive all specimens submitted for Lead, Total Hemoglobin, and Hemoglobin Types testing within five (5) days of collection.***
- Providers must assure specimens arrive at the DSHS Laboratory by the fifth day:
 - Mail specimens the same day they are collected.
 - "Batch" and mail ***only*** those specimens collected on the same day. Do not hold specimens collected on different days so that they may be "batched" for mailing.
- ***Beginning in Spring 2007, the DSHS Laboratory will reject specimens that are not received by the fifth (5th) day after collection.***
- Visit the DSHS Laboratory web site at http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/lab/cc_spec-col.shtm#General where you can find information about:
 - Specimen collection, handling, and mailing;
 - Supplies to collect and ship specimens to the DSHS Laboratory, including postage-paid mailing labels, and;
 - Requesting supplies that are free of charge when used during collection of specimens for routine THSteps checkups. Supplies can be ordered from the DSHS Laboratory by telephone at 1-888-963-7111 ext. 7661 or (512) 458-7661 with a valid THSteps provider TPI number.

Should you have questions, please contact the DSHS Laboratory at 1-888-963-7111 ext. 6030

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