



Effective January 2026, the grading algorithm used to calculate quarterly grades for birth and collection facilities will be updated to incorporate stricter thresholds. This adjustment is designed to raise performance expectations, making higher grades more challenging to attain while encouraging continuous improvement among submitters.

Many newborn screening conditions require urgent interventions. This works best when both the Newborn Screening (NBS) Program and the birth and collection facilities work together in a timely and efficient manner.

The NBS Program has a team of registered nurse consultants available to provide technical assistance or answer questions related to these performance benchmarks.

Please call the toll-free nurse line at **866-804-9166** for more information.

#### Unsatisfactory Specimen Collection Scale

Percent	Grade
0% - 0.5%	A
0.51% - 1.00%	B
1.01% - 1.50%	C
1.51% - 2.00%	D
2.01% and above	F

#### Timeliness Scale

Percent	Grade
0% - 10.00%	A
10.01% - 15.00%	B
15.01% - 20.00%	C
20.01% - 25.00%	D
25.01% and above	F

#### CCHD Data Reporting Scale

Percent	Grade
95.00% and above	A
94.9%-90.00%	B
89.9%-85.00%	C
84.9%-80.0%	D
79.9%-0%	F