

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BIRTH OF YOUR BABY!



YOUR CHILD IS TAKING PART IN THE

Québec Newborn Hearing Screening Program

Result and required follow up

Your child, _____ ,
(First name and name)

underwent a screening test for deafness on _____ - _____ - _____ .
MM DD YYYY

ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS, THE TEST MUST BE REPEATED.

The fact that your baby did not pass the screening test doesn't necessarily mean your baby has a hearing loss. Indeed, many children need to undergo the test a second time.

There are a number of reasons why this can happen. For example:

- » Your child was fussing when the test was administered.
- » Your child had debris or liquid in the ear canal, which can interfere with the recording of responses.

However, it is also possible that your child is experiencing temporary or permanent hearing loss. Therefore it's important to have **another test within the next 2 weeks** to ensure that your child is hearing properly.

Your appointment is scheduled for _____ - _____ - _____ , at _____
MM DD YYYY (hour)

at the _____ , _____
(screening facility) (room number)

To communicate with the screening facility: _____
(phone number)

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Repeat test

The screening test given at this appointment is called the “**auditory brainstem response**”. It involves inserting a small device in the baby’s ear and placing three self-adhesive sensors on his head. The device makes sounds and the ear’s responses are recorded by the sensors. The test only takes a few minutes and the results are available as soon as it is finished.

Your child won’t feel anything during the test. Ideally, he or she must sleep during the test. Don’t wake your baby if he or she is sleeping in the waiting room. Bring along some items to help encourage sleep (pacifier, bottle, blanket, stroller, etc.).

Contact your screening facility if you have any questions about this test.

It can be hard for parents to tell whether their children are having hearing problems. Babies with hearing loss can react to some sounds. They also may be the only ones in the family to have a hearing loss. Therefore, it’s important to have hearing screening tests repeated to ensure that your child hears properly. Most babies pass the hearing test the second time round.