

Memorandum

To: Oregon Licensed Hospitals and Birthing Centers

From: Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program

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Subject: Congenital Cytomegalovirus (cCMV) Protocol FAQs and Information

Congenital Cytomegalovirus (cCMV) Protocol Frequently Asked Questions

If you have additional questions, please contact our program via email at Oregon.EHDI@odhsoha.oregon.gov for more information and assistance.

1. What is cCMV screening?

cCMV screening is outlined in the Congenital Cytomegalovirus (cCMV) Screening Protocol established by the Oregon Health Authority, which includes:

- assessing each newborn for known risk factors and clinical signs of cCMV, as listed in the protocol, and
- as necessary, based on the presence of one or more of the risk factors or clinical signs, conduct CMV testing.

To view the screening protocol, visit Oregon.gov/CMV.

2. Who must conduct cCMV screening?

All licensed hospitals and birthing centers in Oregon.

3. When are hospitals and birthing centers required to begin screening newborns for cCMV?

No later than April 1, 2026.

4. Are hospital and birthing centers required to order additional tests and imaging to determine the presence of risk factors and clinical signs outlined in the screening criteria?

Additional tests outside of CMV testing are not required to be ordered as part of this protocol. However, facilities may be required to conduct screenings according to other state laws and administrative rules.

5. Where can I find the statutes and rules that outline cCMV screening for hospitals and birthing centers?

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORSs) can be found online at:

https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors433.html

Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) can be found online at:

<https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/displayDivisionRules.action?selectedDivision=1235>

6. When informing a newborn's primary care provider or a newborn's parent/guardian of a positive CMV test result, what does direct personal communication mean?

The following are acceptable forms of direct personal communication: secure email, fax with receipt that it was received, phone call with documentation, and message through electronic health record.

7. If a child is transferred to a hospital outside of Oregon, does the facility where the newborn was born have to conduct cCMV screening?

If a newborn is transferred from one facility to another prior to cCMV screening occurring, then it is the responsibility of the receiving facility to ensure that cCMV screening is completed. If the newborn was screened for cCMV prior to transfer, the transferring facility must provide the status of cCMV screening to the receiving facility upon transfer. If the receiving facility resides outside the state of Oregon, they shall adhere to their own state's laws and rules regarding cCMV screening.

8. Are hospitals and birthing centers required to report cCMV screening results to the Oregon Health Authority?

No, cCMV is not a reportable condition in Oregon.

9. A child in my care was recently diagnosed with cCMV, is there information on diagnostic testing and care follow up?

Yes, there is a Congenital Cytomegalovirus Diagnostic Testing and Care Protocol available at Oregon.gov/CMV with recommendations for follow up testing, bloodwork, exams, and referrals.