

**URGENT... ALL PROVIDERS PERFORMING NEWBORN SCREENINGS (PKU)**

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the Department of Health and Hospitals-Office of Public Health's laboratory in New Orleans is closed indefinitely. The Office of Public Health is making arrangements to forward the specimens to another state's public health laboratory for analysis. Until further notice, all newborn screening (PKU) filter paper specimens (Lab-10 form) should be sent to the Shreveport OPH laboratory at: Shreveport Regional Laboratory, P.O. Box 3561, Shreveport, LA 71133. For further information contact Arthur Hagar at 318-221-0859.