



CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE QUÉBEC NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM

Établissement :

The parents¹ of all newborns in Québec are invited to participate in Québec's newborn hearing screening program. Approximately one in every 1,000 babies are born with hearing loss severe enough to have negative consequences on the child's development. Hearing loss is often undetected by parents and other people in contact with the child. The following information will help you decide whether you want your child to participate in the program :

Advantages of the screening program

The screening test is quick, painless and safe for the child. It detects hearing loss in the first few weeks after your child's birth. Without screening, hearing loss is often detected after the child is two years old. Thanks to screening, intervention to help communication with a hearing-impaired child can begin much earlier. The results of the screening test will be given to you quickly.

Inconveniences of the screening program

The screening test may have to be redone. In certain cases, a baby with normal hearing may not pass the screening test. When this is the case, further examination will be required, which may cause you some anxiety while awaiting the examination results. There may also be hearing loss that is not detected by the screening test or that may appear later, in the child's early years.

Before deciding whether you want your child to participate in Québec's newborn hearing screening program, please consider the following :

- You have received the information leaflet describing the advantages, inconveniences and limitations of the screening program. You have been able to ask questions and you have had enough time to reach a decision.
- You understand that further examination will be required if our baby does not pass the screening test.
- Should your child require additional testing at another healthcare network location, certain medical information² concerning your child will be made accessible to other healthcare professionals at that establishment (screeener, audiologist, and physician) in order for your child to receive the best possible care.
- Information² concerning all children who participate in the program will be kept in the program's data bank at the McGill University Health Centre, which is overseen by Québec's Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux. The information will be used on a confidential basis by program staff to ensure the quality of the program. The information will be kept for as long as the program is maintained. You can withdraw from the program at any time by contacting your testing centre; only minimal data³ will remain in the data bank.

If you refuse: Intervention to help communication with a hearing-impaired child may begin much later. Only certain information³ will be kept in the program's data bank for identification purposes; after five years the information will be destroyed. You can change your mind and decide to participate in the program or you can ask your physician for a hearing screening test only.

More information on the program is available on our website at www.msss.gouv.qc.ca/depistage-surdite (French only)

I have read⁴ and understood the information on this page

- I **agree** to have my child participate in the Québec newborn hearing screening program.
 I **refuse** to have my child participate in the Québec newborn hearing screening program.

Family name, given name of parent	Signature	Date		
		Year	Month	Day
Name of witness (healthcare professional)	Signature	Licence No.		

1 Parent or guardian, called the « parent » in this document.
 2 and 3 See detailed on reverse.

4 The contents of the document may have been read to the person who signed this consent.

Nom :

Site :
Dossier:

2 List of information kept in the program's data bank following parental consent

Child's full name	Consent to participate
Mailing address	Hearing loss risk factors
Phone number	Screening protocol results
Date of birth	Confirmation of follow-up by a monitoring centre
Sex	Results of audiology examinations
Parent's full names	Medical diagnosis of ENT physician
File number at place of birth	Results regarding intervention and rehabilitation
Québec health insurance number	Results regarding the diagnosis of late or progressive hearing loss

3 List of information kept in the program's data bank following a refusal to participate or withdrawal

Child's full name	Mother's last name
Date of birth	File number at place of birth
Sex	Refusal to participate and refusal processing date