

Microbiology Laboratory Staff Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2020

12:15-13:00

Present: Laura S, Moses, Solomon, David, Laura G, Jocelyn and Emily

1. Safety discussion:

- Talk about emotional safety regarding anxiety when doing COVID testing and waiting to get a positive result.
- Laura S talked about how she is anticipating this happening.
- No one seems to be anticipating this but we will all be ready when if/when it happens.

2. 7 to 3 COVID tech:

- This tech will do all the maintenance on the BioFire, GeneXpert, both BSC and all the temperatures in the TB room.

3. COVID samples:

- Keep the samples in the rack in the fridge until the results are done.
- Once finished and negative, put them in a biohazard bag and put that in the red bin in the specimen fridge.

4. BSC in evening:

- Don't set up for COVID testing for the next day. The morning person will do this.
- Just clean it out and make sure supplies are stocked up.

5. Autoclave bag in waste:

- Only need one bag not 2.

6. Sticker on COVID 19 on requisition:

- Make sure to put one of the yellow labels over the COVID 19 printed on the requisition if sample is going to Alberta for VIRC testing.
- Otherwise, DynaLIFE will do it again.
- This has caused confusion for HPU1.

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7. Saline and tips on Vitek:

- Make sure this is changed as part of the monthly maintenance.
- The tips and saline is only good for a month on the instrument and we are using it less now.

8. Positive RSV on BioFire:

- Laura G got a positive result for RSV on the BioFire and was wondering if she could report it.
- We are not reporting this test from this instrument so no we cannot report it out. Same with Flu or any other test on the panel.

9. Roundtable:

- No one had anything