

Specimen Control Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2020

Time: 1415hrs to 1430hrs

Attendees: Vivian, Whitney, Pearl, Joanne, Emily, Chelsea, Jocelyn, Myles and Alexa

Recorder: Elwood

1. Reusable PPE Gowns

- There are new reusable Yellow PPE gowns in the hospital
- Please use these when available
- They are rated level 3 (same as the blue ones in lab)
- Put them in the laundry hampers after use

2. Alternative to Face shields in LOP

- There are disposable face masks with eye shields available in Elwood's office for those that need them
- Please use assigned reusable face shields in lab out patients when possible to limit waste production

3. Light Green Amber Microtainers

- There are new microtainers (light green caps)
- They are lithium heparin and do not require sample to clot
- Be conscious of which tests are being collected as some send out tests can only be run on serum samples

4. Scanning in VIRC requisitions

- All VIRC requisitions must be scanned into the LIS
- If there is COVID testing to be performed as well, scan in requisition for both orders before sending the sample and requisition in to Microbiology

5. Indicating Extra Tubes on Community Reqs

- Clerks are not familiar with which tests are performed on which type of sample/tube.
- Indicate on the requisitions which containers are extra to make accessioning easier
- Indicating extra tubes on the requisition also makes troubleshooting easier or when looking for samples for add on tests and etc.