

## Laboratory Staff Meeting Minutes

December 23, 2020

12:15 to 12:45

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

### 1. E.cass QC bug:

- Needs to be subbed to blood slant or will not work for Vitek QC

### 2. Water samples over the holidays:

- Taiga is closed, so we will be getting any water samples that are collected

### 3. Cell phones in lab:

- Jennifer sent out an email about this
- If Laura S sees this, she will discuss with the individual and send an email reminder
- If it happens a second time, Laura S will discuss and send an email but copy Jennifer
- If it happens a third time, Laura S will direct to Jennifer for follow up

### 4. Eye protection in lab:

- Mandatory for patient contact
- Strongly encouraged in the lab

### 5. New COVID strain:

- Received confirmation that BioFire will work
- Group discussed this new development

### 6. Throat swabs for COVID:

- It is like an NP swab but thicker
- Not a C&S swab
- Memo went out about this
- Laura S has a box of these swabs on her desk. Also, these were distributed

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### 7. Frozen COVID samples:

- BioFire insert says frozen samples are ok. GeneXpert does not say this
- If freeze before used, will be ok but cannot put swab into frozen media
- If freeze after collection, needs to be run on BioFire (PCRES)

### 8. Air ambulance samples:

- This will be starting for Medivac pilots
- Said about 50 per month
- COVID clinic is filling out the reqs so think reports will go there
- We will see how it goes

### 9. Evening PCR tech:

- We will not have a person for this until the spring
- These duties will need to be completed
- Moses said that we all work as a team and will all work to get it done. Does not need to be assigned to one person
- Laura S agrees, she just wants to make sure the duties are completed

### 10. PCR maintenance on weekends:

- This needs to be done
- David has not been shown BioFire maintenance, Laura S will show him

### 11. COVID procedures:

- Laura S has made changes including: positive reports automatically print to HPU1, if repeat testing put this in TCOMM, inform OCPHO when CT are >38 and if you try to phone ordering location, document this in the call log

### 11. Roundtable:

- No one had anything