

Microbiology Staff Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2021

12:15 to 12:45

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

1. Save C.diff samples:

- Laura S wants to validate C.diff on the GeneXpert and will need samples to do this
- Please place stool samples in the blue bucket in the -80 freezer for this
- If the stool needs to be sent to DL, please put some in an orange top container and write the accession number on the label and place in the freezer

2. Vacation requests:

- Jennifer sent an email about the vacation request process for 2021/2022
- If you are leaving the territory, you need to add 2 weeks for isolation when you return
- Laura S has placed a calendar on the back of her door for this like usual. Please use so that we can work together for vacation requests
- Emily is getting married in August but this should be fine. She asked about her leave and Laura S will follow up with Jennifer about this but told her not to worry she will be fine

3. ID NOW and Panbio:

- These are 2 point of care tests for COVID that are currently being used in the territory
- Laura S wanted everyone to be aware as we seem to get the phone calls about them
- Laura S will follow up with Jennifer to see who the call should be directed to

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4. Hay River waste water:

- the waste water in Hay River had COVID detected in it
- they will be collecting samples for this and it may get busy
- they estimate 250 to 300 samples but could be more
- Laura S is coming on Saturday. Emily may come Sunday if there are samples to be run
- a clerk or Jocelyn will be coming on Saturday to help with accessioning of other samples so Laura G can run samples
- HR lab will be ordering the samples and sending them to us. They will need to be received and plated
- half will be BioFire and the other half GeneXpert as we will do some pooling
- not sure how long this will continue for. We may have to readjust as samples arrive

5. Roundtable:

- Emily was just wondering if someone needed to come on Sunday for the HR samples if there is no shipment that day. Laura S said it will depend on the amount of samples. We might just have to wait and see how it goes