

Laboratory Staff Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2021 12:15 to 12:30

1. GAS in blood cultures, fluids and sterile sites:

- As per the reportable diseases list, GAS in invasive sites needs to be phoned to OCPHO (HPU1) within 24 hours and needs to be copied

- Please ensure you are completing this and documenting in the LIS

- This is in the procedure for BC and fluids so please make sure to follow the procedures and complete this task

- 2. Positive COVID in ER or inpatients:
- Needs to be copied to Stanton infection control (SIPAC)
- Please make sure this is completed

- This is in the procedures for COVID testing so please make sure to follow the procedures and complete this task

3. Manually entering COVID results:

- All COVID results need to be manually entered into the LIS as the BioFire interface is not working and since the GeneXpert samples are mostly being pooled, we have turned off this interface

- Please take your time when performing this task

- When take printouts off the printer, go through them first in the TB room. Look at the top column and look down the sides to see what was and wasn't detected

- Emily likes to divide the results into None detected and when an organism is detected. Then she goes through the reports with detected organisms and looks at them carefully to determine what was detected

- When at the computer, put the reports in one stack. Enter the accession number for the first one. Look at the report again and make sure COVID is not detected. Enter the results and finalize. Turn that page over and repeat for the remaining samples

- This will ensure we looked carefully and that all results are entered

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