

Laboratory Staff Meeting Minutes Specimen Control

February 11, 2021

Time: 1300hr - 1330hrs

Attendees: Joanne, Pearl, Myles, Alexa, Vivian, Chelsea, Holly

Recorder: Elwood

1. Influenza A, B, and RSV Panel testing on COVID Samples

- These tests cannot be ordered individually
- To order testing:
 - a. Requisition only has COVID indicated:
 - Order COVID testing on GX or BF. Test code = **SCOV2 or PCCOV depending on instructions given by micro lab staff (see below)**
 - Refer sample to Stanton
 - Stanton will report COVID result only
 - b. Requisition has COVID and FLU/RSV indicated:
 - Order COVID and FLU/RSV on BF. Test code = **PCRES**
 - Refer sample to Stanton
 - Stanton will report COVID and FLU/RSV
 - c. Requisition has COVID, FLU/RSV and RPP indicated:
 - Order COVID and FLU/RSV on BF. Test code = **PCRES**
 - Order RPP at APL. Test code = **VIRC**
 - Refer sample to Stanton with requisition
 - Stanton will report COVID and FLU/RSV and refer sample to APL for RPP

2. Absorbent sheets for clinics

- Absorbent Sheets are now orderable in SAMs
- SAMs#: 18485
- The laboratory stock of absorbent sheets are supplied by Dynalife
- Other departments should be ordering this item themselves

3. CSFs for send out

- Extra CSF samples are to be stored in the -80 freezer in the storage room
- Core Technologist will put send out CSF samples in the -80, write on the white board that there is a CSF to go out, and may also place a req on the specimen control freezer to notify us that there is a send out.

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4. Receiving Samples in LOP

- Core techs have noticed that there are many samples coming to the back from LOP that are not collected and received.
- Please remember to collect and receive samples before bringing them to the back to be processed.
- If patients are unable to provide a sample, remember to cancel the tests so that staff at the end of the night are not looking for samples when they pull their pending list.

5. Urea Breath Tests for Outreach Nurse

- Occasionally the Yellowknife Outreach Nurses may ask for Urea Breath Test kits
- Please issue them only the number of test kits they require. There were issues in the past where kits they had would expire before they could be used.
- They will collect and return the kits to the lab or to one of clinics to be sent to the lab.

6. COVID Samples after 8pm

- Micro techs are finished at 8pm and no COVID testing will happen after they leave. Therefore blood work should take priority for Core.
- COVID Samples should be entered so the micro techs have samples to run in the AM when they arrive the next morning
- If you are unable to do so, place these COVID swabs in the COVID Bin, in the fridge, in Microbiology

7. Wipe Plastic CatB Containers

- Remember to wipe all the plastic CatB Containers that are returned to us from Dynalife as well as the ones that arrive with COVID samples from the COVID Clinic and other locations.