

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2021

12:15 to 13:15

Present: Laura S, Moses, Solomon and Laura G

1. COVID testing on weekends:

- Laura S has estimated it takes 3 to 4 minutes to medipatient and accession COVID samples. This would mean it would take 1 hour to order 16 samples
- It takes 1 hour to run 16 COVID samples
- Since there are 6 working hours per day this means we can order and run 48 samples per day on Saturday and Sunday
- Everyone else agrees with this timing and numbers

2. Having no MLA in the day:

- Our MLA status is unreliable and Laura S is trying to come up with a plan to help with this and look for ideas
- Everyone agrees that even just having a clerk would be helpful. They could order samples and could add labels to plates then techs would just need to do the actual plating
- However, MLA is good to set up C.diff testing, plant STAT specimens like fluids and positive blood cultures. These duties can take up a lot of time for the technologists and having someone to do these would be helpful

3. MTS documents:

- Laura S has uploaded many documents
- If there is free time, please ensure you read these documents
- Some of them are the same but many have updates that should be read. Please read them carefully and fully

4. C.diff validation:

- With the recent increase in positive C.diff specimens, Laura is going to move ahead with validating C.diff on the GeneXpert. She will use the GX-16 to perform this duty. Please continue to save stool specimens for this purpose

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5. Urine/MRO timing:

- Since we have no MLA currently, don't have to worry about planting 11:00 and 14:00. 14:00 will be fine. We can just work with what we have and when we have time

6. Urine from communities:

- Some communities are sending urine specimens in orange top containers. Since they will time out before getting to DynaLIFE I have asked the clerks and MLA to accession these here
- If we notice a lot of these, we will have to follow up with communities and ask them to collect urines in correct containers
- DynaLIFE does not recognize our blue top urine containers. They use the grey top containers

7. Performance Documents:

- Laura has begun the documents for the 2021/2022 year
- She has asked everyone to include 1 learning goal in this document
- Please have your evaluation criteria finalized by the end of next week and Laura will be meeting with everyone the final week of June before she goes on leave

8. Inuvik:

- Since there is an outbreak in Whitehorse Inuvik may be getting an increase in COVID samples
- Laura S has said to them that we would be able to help if needed. Everyone agrees

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9. Roundtable:

- Moses: Core lab needs retraining on CSF plating. Laura S has already addressed this with Jennifer. She will reach out to Ren and make sure everyone knows they are required to do this and that they know how to do this
- No one had any other issues to discuss