

Laboratory Staff Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2021

12:15 to 13:00

1. Saline gargle samples for COVID:

- Laura S has validated this sample type for both the GX and BF
- It is for COVID testing only, not Flu or RSV
- Not sure when we will be receiving these samples
- This source is built in the LIS and is ready to be used if we get one

2. Staffing:

- There are 2 positions for technologists open currently. Laura is working with HR to find candidates but it is very difficult to get MLT at this time
- Not sure exactly what is happening with the MLA in micro but there is a plan in place and should be resolved soon
- Myles is leaving at the end of August. Phoenix will be staying until at least the end of December. She will report to Laura S but will continue to sit in the main lab as there is more she can help them with. But her priority is COVID testing

3. Phone problems:

- If there is an issue with a phone, just send an email to TSC helpdesk with the extension and they will guide you on how to fix it
- It is really easy to resolve these issues

4. Sterile swabs:

- The COVID clinic has MANY sterile swabs that they don't use and were going to throw up
- We are going to see if we can use them in micro as they are sterile
- Hopefully we can give them a try and see what we think. It is better to use them then waste them all

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5. Inuvik IPAC:

- Laura S had a conversation with the new IPAC coordinator in Inuvik
- She is new to the role and has many questions
- She asked if she needed any help could she call us here. Laura S said yes that we are all willing to help

6. Peritoneal fluid:

- At one point we were not doing this sample type here at STH as it can become complicated but we have been doing some here now
- Laura S asked what the team would like to do
- Everyone said we will do them here and if there is one that has a lot of growth they will consult with the microbiology at DL with how to proceed

7. Roundtable:

- David: Asked about BC from Inuvik. If they only send one bottle, are we responsible for the other. He noticed there was one here where the negative bottle was not resulted. Laura S let everyone know that Inuvik made a mistake with this sample. They accidentally redirected both bottles to us so they cannot result the negative bottle. Laura S has been entering the results for them. We should not normally have to worry about this but if it does occur we need to contact Inuvik to let them know the negative bottle hasn't been resulted.