

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2021 12:15 to 12:40

Present: Laura S, Solomon, David, Laura G and Joanne

1. Joanne:

- Welcome to Joanne to micro department. We are very happy to have her
- Joanne is happy to be here
- This week she will be working with Kyra the new COVID clerk
- Starting next week, she will be working 7 to 3 and doing the morning startup including temperature checks and daily maintenance on equipment

2. Colour printer on GX:

- Laura has installed a colour printer on the GX
- Positive results are red, negative is green
- Will help ensure there are no result entry errors

3. Free time:

- With Joanne here and COVID slowing down, we have more free time
- Try to use this time to complete mandatory training. Take advantage of this when we have it

4. Inuvik positive COVID samples:

- They will be forwarded to us at Stanton so they can be sent to Alberta for variant screening
- They will not be ordered it the LIS
- Put them in the red Positive COVID bucket and let Laura S know they are here
- Laura S will be working with Joanne to send these out to Alberta

5. Inuvik PCABR samples:

- Laura S just wanted to make sure Joanne knows that these samples will be coming here
- They just need to be received and plated and put in the blue labelled bin

6. Positive ID Now:

- Laura S wanted to remind everyone that if the results for these samples are negative on the GeneXpert they need to be run on the BioFire just to confirm
- Positive ID Now will be in the order comments, clinical history and written on the biohazard bag
- Joanne is also going to highlight the label that prints out and give it to the PCR technologist. Then the technologist can put this label on a piece of paper as a reminder that it is a positive ID now sample

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7. Oxoid order:

- Unfortunately, materials management did not submit the order Laura put in
- It is going to be delayed probably until Monday
- Everything looks ok except for the MHB. We will try to work around this and hopefully it will be ok

8. C.diff samples:

- The validation is underway for C.diff on the GeneXpert
- Laura S just needs more positive samples
- If you get a positive sample let Laura S know and save it in the fridge so it can be run on the GeneXpert
- Laura S will be showing Joanne how to do this test as she will be doing it during the day

9. Roundtable:

- Laura is getting her third shot today
- David is getting his on Friday morning