

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2022

12:15 to 12:45

1. New single ETESTS:
 - When the new single ETEST are in use, please only remove the supplies needed and not the whole bin
 - Remove the bin, take out what you need and place back in fridge
 - These supplies shouldn't stay at room temperature for too long and this will ensure they do not sit out for hours especially when not needed

2. YST/GEN cultures from HR, FS and IN:
 - We can cancel these orders if they do not meet the criteria
 - Cancel YST with code YST and GEN with code GEN
 - All locations have our flowchart but they are not using it so we will need to control this

3. Micro MLA:
 - We no longer have an MLA
 - We will not have a clerk as of March 31
 - I will have to see how this goes and make changes as appropriate
 - We will also not have an MLA on the weekends so this will impact what tests we do here

4. Specimen receiving and PCR testing:
 - This bench will be combined now as PCR testing has been low
 - Again, I will monitor this and see how it works out

5. Vortex mixer:
 - We will use this now for PCR testing
 - When you only have it on touch, it takes a while to get going
 - Good idea is to turn on while running samples then turn off when done
 - Works well and will ensure sample is thoroughly mixed

6. Influenza A (Flu A):
 - This test when positive has a subtype
 - Need to add this and report as positive
 - Not only report Flu A positive but also subtype

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7. Plating specimens:
 - Don't plate specimens ahead of time
 - The turnaround time starts when plated and also creates a mess with labels at the front
 - Batch plate just before going to perform the task

8. Daily microbiology lab start-up and daily QC:
 - Will move to the urine bench
 - This will allow the wound bench to just begin their work
 - If the wound bench tech goes into the incubators before temperatures are taken, please take temperature to ensure door open doesn't affect readings

9. Roundtable:
 - Neahlanna: has a wish list. Talked about items and what follow up will be