

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2022
12:15 to 13:15

1. COVID YK:
 - Don't use this as ordering provider unless from COVID clinic
 - Call location and get the ordering provider's name
 - Let Laura S know who is doing this and who is using the wrong requisition
2. Order entry, clinical history for COVID samples:
 - Don't add "clinical history" just type in symptomatic/asymptomatic, vaccination status and travel history
3. STAT days:
 - The core lab is going down to weekend staff on STAT days
 - Micro will continue as is
 - If anyone wants a STAT day off and to use a day from their bank, they need to submit a leave request
4. Monkeypox:
 - This is starting to become more serious
 - Samples will go to NML and there is a requisition for this
 - Laura S has let core lab know micro can handle the send out of these samples
 - Need to be sent Cat A
 - Can't go on the weekends
5. TB on GX:
 - Laura S and Laura G did the validation for this test
 - It was approved by DynaLIFE
 - Testing will not begin until micro has more staffing
6. Pseudomonas:
 - Moses had to call DynaLIFE about an issue with sensitivity on a PA isolate
 - He was told DynaLIFE does not do sensitivity on Pseudomonas always, they treat it like any other coliform
 - 40% of all PA are normal flora
 - Laura S will discuss with Dr. Solomon but continue to use the ASTM as it is written

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7. Vitek cards in walk in fridge:
 - When bringing cards from walk-in fridge to the micro fridge, please fill up the micro fridge don't just bring a couple of boxes
 - The micro fridge holds 5 GPI, 5 GNI, 10 GPS and 10 GNS

8. Gram stain discrepancy on first day:
 - If the gram does not match your growth on the first day, please begin troubleshooting
 - Check gram to make sure correct and if not correct correct it
 - Add any other plates as needed
 - Document in TCom what you have done so the next person knows and does not repeat work

9. Coordinate VITEK work:
 - The urine bench and wound bench need to work together to ensure they are both not waiting until the end of the day to do their Vitek
 - This can cause a bottleneck at the station and cause delays

10. Biohazard garbage by BACTEC:
 - It can't be more than 16 kg
 - Please ensure it is not filled with BC bottles and Vitek cards too much
 - Moses suggested a hard sharps container as it cannot hold that much. Laura S agrees so this change will be implemented

11. Glass slides:
 - Laura S will start ordering her own, so we do not take from the core lab
 - Laura S reminded everyone to let her know when they need more masks as she can order these as well

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12. Roundtable:

- Moses: the evening shift is going well
- Moses: He let everyone know Inuvik is not doing COVID PCR testing anymore. He received a sample for PCABR, and it was COVID positive, but Inuvik lab did not send the GX printout. Moses called Inuvik lab and floor and they told him only the rapid test was done. Laura S will follow up with Jennifer because this critical result was not phoned by the laboratory to OCPHO or the floor. If there is no printout, continue to phone both OCPHO and ordering location. Document what happens
- Moses: Calling positive RSV results is becoming a hassle. HR and IN do not want these results even if it is a child. Laura S will also reach out to Jennifer to discuss. Continue to call these results and document what happens