

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

June 29, 2022
12:15 to 12:45

1. Lab shutdown:
 - Done by 12 to 8 tech
 - The urine and wound bench techs can just clean up their bench and leave
 - The list of shutdown duties is on the main micro door

2. Micro staffing:
 - Veronica was to start on July 31 but may take more time off
 - Jennifer is a new graduate and will be starting on August 15
 - Kaitlin is from PEI and should be getting a job offer soon. She will be starting in September
 - Plan is to bring back genital cultures including BV
 - They will sit at the microscope bench and work 8 to 4
 - The Wednesday QC bench will sit at the Vitek bench or we will make room by the GeneXpert
 - We will re-evaluate what shifts we want. Option could be to have another 12 to 8
 - Nothing will change until training starts

3. New ASTM:
 - Will be in plastic sheets and be in binders
 - Will start using it on August 8

4. MRSA select plates:
 - Will require more workup
 - Have to do GPI and GPS
 - We should have been doing this with our denim blue plates

5. Cat A boxes:
 - There are 4 Cat A boxes in an overpack box in the PCR room on the shelf
 - These will be for any Monkeypox samples
 - Each sample needs to go in its own box
 - There are more in the storage room across the hall

6. Add ?REFE to positive covid samples:
 - If you have a positive COVID sample and the Ct is ≤ 30 , please order the ?REFE code and finalize with a "."
 - This will give us workload units for the work we are doing sending these out

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- Laura S will put a post it reminder on the computer in the PCR room

7. Misc. Manual:

- Laura S has put all the misc. culture procedures into one manual
- It will be stored above the wound bench but will be for both benches
- It includes the procedure to send out referral organisms to APL, DL and NML
- Please ensure you follow the steps in the procedure to ensure reports are sent to the correct locations
- Remember NML requisitions need the Copy to HPU1 sticker added. Laura S has noticed this is not happening

8. Roundtable:

- Laura G: if patient is from NU but is in the hospital do, they get a copy to NU sticker or copy to NT sticker. Laura S says to put both so that both locations get a copy of the NML report
- Laura G: do we put a sticker on APL to copy HPU1. Laura S says don't use the sticker. She will investigate if it is possible to add the location for HPU1 so that they get a copy.