

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2022

12:15 to 13:00

1. Repeating VITEK samples:
 - If the Vitek doesn't work on the first day, try to troubleshoot the problem don't just keep repeating
 - Always repeat once but also set up KB if you think the problem may happen again in order to prevent a delay in patient results
2. C.diff samples:
 - If stool culture is not ordered, do not put the sample back in the core lab area. Just put it in our red bucket
 - If stool culture is needed, then the sample needs to go in the core lab fridge bucket
3. Rhino/enterovirus positive samples:
 - These samples need to be saved and stored in the freezer the same as positive COVID samples that are not being sent to ProvLab for sequencing
 - Some might need to be sent to ProvLab for Rhino/Entero sequencing so please ensure these samples are saved and logged in the COVID storage sheets
 - Please BioFire printouts in BF printout folder
4. Timing for delay comments:
 - The time for delay comments is from the time the sample is collected until the time it is received in the laboratory
 - In the morning, the specimen receiving technologist needs to ensure the comments were added if an MLA received the specimen the evening before
 - We will discuss a way to mark the samples by the evening technologist if the sample has been assessed for delay comments
5. Monkeypox:
 - Micro will now be handling all samples for Monkeypox testing
 - Laura S has made an information procedure that was discussed at a meeting back in the summer
 - Laura G is also aware of how to send these samples
 - A formal procedure will be written on the handling of these samples
 - May also include Ebola and Lassa virus as well if requested

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6. PCR testing QC:

- We will begin doing this testing weekly on Mondays starting in November
- The specimen receiving technologist will do the QC on the GX-4 for C.diff
- The PCR technologist will do the QC on the GX-16 for COVID and the QC on the BF for the respiratory panel
- All this QC will be documented on the corresponding QC records
- Laura S will ensure everyone is reminded how to do this testing

7. Saving positive Flu Samples:

- All positive flu samples need to be stored in the freezer along with Rhino/Entero samples
- Please log these samples on the COVID log sheets and then store in freezer
- Please BioFire printouts in BF printout folder