

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2023
12:15 to 12:45

1. CARE Talks document:
 - This document lists the mission, goals and values of NTHSSA
 - You may be asked about it during Accreditation
 - Laura S has printed a copy and put on the side of the sample fridge
 - Have a look and familiarize yourself with it
 - If asked about it or how to locate it, you can show them where it is kept for the micro lab

2. Flu A:
 - There have been many cases of avian influenza in Canada and around the world
 - There have been human cases in South America. The death rate of this infection is quite high
 - We need to make sure we are always following the safety protocols for this testing. I know we have all gotten more comfortable with this testing, but we need to make sure we are protecting ourselves and each other

3. Strep Vitek card validation:
 - The validation is completed and submitted to DL
 - It will take a bit for them to get back to us with the results
 - Before the card goes into use, we need to also start using the new edition of the ASTM. The reporting for Streps uses this card so this will make reporting easier

4. Trich validation:
 - Going well but we need more positives
 - Laura S has ordered CMPT testing for this which we can use as part of the validation process
 - Few of us have had the chance to use the test and it works really well. Will be a good process improvement for this testing

5. DL visit:
 - DL is coming in June to visit the lab
 - Laura S is glad she is here this time so she can show them the great work we are doing in micro

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- One of the issues noted at the last visit was that the lab was a mess. Don't think they were speaking of Micro, but we will make sure things are tidy for their visit
6. TB Testing:
- The memo for TB testing done on the GX at STH will be going out in the next couple of days
 - The ordering location will need to get approval from OCPHO for this testing and then OCPHO will contact micro to let them know
 - For now, all sputum samples will be placed in the micro bucket so we can sort them and then put the ones for MRAFB back in specimen receiving for the MLA to order
 - We do need to notify APL of any positives. One way is to put the GX printout with the sample. We will need to think of other ways for samples from HR, FS and IN that have already sent their send outs out
7. Cancel reason:
- Laura S wants to make sure everyone knows that the cancellation comments show up on the final report
 - Everyone in micro is aware of this
 - Please don't free text and use the canned messages for cancelling. This will prevent errors and keep things consistent
8. Roundtable:
- No one had anything to add or discuss