

Microbiology Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2024

12:15 to 12:45

Attendee	Present?	Attendee	Present?
Laura S	✓	Chelsea	
Moses	✓	Jen	✓
Solomon	✓	Katie	✓
Laura G	✓		
Minutes recorder: Laura S			

1. PHAC inspection:
 - PHAC will be doing a virtual inspection on November 27
 - We will need to make sure everyone is wearing all the PPE
 - We need to make sure that the lab is clean and there is no debris on the floor
 - They also do not like cardboard boxes, especially on the floor so we will need to make sure everything looks good
 - They will ask you questions about how you disinfect things, about the autoclave and about the storage of isolates and QC bugs
 - Moses has questions about how we work in the BSC

2. ASTM:
 - Laura S will be implementing it in November
 - Each week will have a new section, so it is not the whole document at once
 - So far things do not seem that different, but ENT does not
 - have susceptibility done on urines
 - When it is implemented, if people notice errors, please let Laura S know right away

3. Rules in the LIS:
 - Laura has removed a lot of them as they were outdated
 - If anyone notices something that was there before that is not now and you want it back let Laura S know

4. Rejection of old samples:
 - As we do not have exact rejection criteria for most samples, we should still be processing old ones, but we need to put the delay comment
 - Only samples like urine in orange top containers have specific criteria
 - Laura G had a question about delayed specimens and she got one from Inuvik that didn't come to STH for about 4 days. Moses recommends that we contact Celica because they should be checking their worklist. Laura S will see what worklist they have but for now we should email Celica to see where missing specimens are and if they are not coming they need to cancel them

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5. Strep A validation:
 - This has begun
 - There are not enough cartridges to finish so we will continue when more arrive

6. Strep reagents:
 - Have put them all together in 2 large red trays
 - Always take from the first row and move left to right to keep lot numbers in order

7. Roundtable:
 - Moses-Solomon's last working day is Friday