

## Microbiology Meeting Minutes

April 09, 2025  
12:00 to 13:00

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

### 1. HPV testing:

- Other labs (FS and INV) will be ordering these swabs with REHPV and sending them to us. Then we will be sending them to Ottawa since we are going to use FedEx, and they do not have FedEx. Laura S has let them both know what is happening and what the plan is

### 2. Weekly check in:

- We will start doing this at the beginning of our meetings again. Everyone is encouraged to bring up issues they are having in the micro lab. As always, if you do not feel comfortable in the group, please let me know individually. I am very open to suggestions and to listening to concerns and want to support everyone
- Moses said that it is very busy right now and the weekend was extremely busy. Laura S asked if it is just a temporary thing because there is a lot of sickness going around right now (Flu, GAS, TB). ER has been extremely busy, so people are sick. Moses said yes, he thinks it is just an issue right now. Laura S said she doesn't want to send things out if this is just temporary but if this continues, we will look at what we can do. Everyone agreed to this plan.
- Moses also said there are a lot of phone calls asking when things will be done, like BV. Laura S said to just let them know that it is not completed. If they are not happy about this then don't take it personally. Everyone is working hard to make sure we get our work done. If they continue to complain ask them to call Laura S, Wanda or Jen. It is not the techs responsibility to deal with these types of complaints
- Laura S reminded everyone we need to take our breaks. We cannot make a plan based on breaks not being taken. The weekends will need to be prioritized if they are really busy. BV and PCRES are the least important. It is hard to leave samples, but we cannot always get everything done. Certain samples need to be worked up but if we need to delay others that is ok
- Moses also mentioned the delay in samples coming to the lab. It is hard with the other labs and health centers to control this but please let Laura S know if you have specific examples of samples being delayed unreasonably

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3. Pos MTB on GX:
  - Last Wednesday Laura G got a positive MTB on the GX
  - Laura S asked if this happens in the evenings, can you leave a note or leave the GX printout on the front desk, so the day staff know it happened
  - If you get positive, automatically send a copy to APL TB lab following our SOP. Don't worry about checking to see if samples have been sent for culture, because they are always going to be sent at one point. The SOP has been updated to say this
4. Yeast plate QC:
  - Chelsea set up the yeast plate QC last week and Laura S wanted to show everyone, but we can't find the plate. LOL
  - Update-The plate was found in Moses garbage. We all had a chance to look at it.
5. Roundtable:
  - No one had anything to discuss