

Microbiology Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2026
12:00 to 13:00

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

1. How are things going?
 - No one had anything to add
2. Emergency contact number sticker on Cat B boxes:
 - We should be putting this number on the boxes as per TDG
 - Laura S will get the template, save it to the micro folder and print some off for us to use
 - Only for Cat B going to NML. The ones going to APL go in the cooler that has the sticker on the outside
 - Not needed for exempt specimens so not for HPV
3. Requisition, scratching off information:
 - When we get a sputum sample that is for AFB, we need to make sure the requisition clearly states it is for AFB culture. The lab at APL know what NAAT testing is and know what sputum culture means and they will do that even though AFB culture is wanted
 - Just scratch off confusing selections and write AFB culture
4. Throats:
 - Do we still want them on their own worklist or put back with urine bench
 - Talk about Strep A on GX
5. Bulk leave:
 - Does anyone have questions about this
 - There were concerns raised by lab staff so want to make sure everyone understands
6. TB testing:
 - Have been miscommunication about what the ordering location
 - Laura S told them, if they want GX done then they need to write it on the requisition. The sample #1 and outbreak number thing didn't work
 - So, if GX is written on the requisition, regardless where it is from, we will do that
 - OCPHO also asked if we could keep track of positive patients. She told them this is difficult, but we can try. For now, Laura S printed the names of the two on a post it and just put it on the front bench. We could have used the ESO codes, but they don't show up in OE. Maybe a patient comment?

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7. Roundtable:

- Laura G-If we have already run a MTB GX on a patient does that mean we don't run another? **Laura S said this is too difficult for us to manage. If they write GeneXpert on the requisition, that is what we will do. We cannot manage or remember everyone we do testing on**
- Katie-Wanted to talk about the autoclave. She had a lot of issues with it the other evening that took a lot of her time. **Laura S said**
 - 1. We need to make sure we set up the Attest. She will move the instrument to the TB lab bench, so it is easier to get at**
 - 2. We need to record this testing and the results of the indicators. Laura S is going to make the sheets yearly (like the PCR) and will put one for 2026 on the BSC in the TB room**
 - 3. If you get a positive TB in the evening, get the autoclave load ready with the waste and keep it in the BSC in the TB lab. That way it can be run in the am when there is more time**
 - 4. Laura G had an issue where the cycle was aborted but she still did the Attest and it worked. Good to know but we should make sure that the run was successful and repeat if something goes wrong**