



Laboratories at Adventist Healthcare White Oak Medical Center, Shady Grove Medical Center, Fort Washington Medical Center and Germantown Emergency Center

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## **LABORATORY ALERT**

### **Subject:**

*The Laboratory is informing you of the following change:*

<b>Effective date:</b>	February 15, 2022
<b>SOP</b>	BioFire® FilmArray® Meningitis/Encephalitis (ME) Panel (AHC.M1022)
<b>Test Name:</b>	Meningitis/Encephalitis (ME) Panel
<b>Test Code:</b>	BFME
<b>Specimen Requirements:</b>	CSF that <b>has not been spun</b> . If the tube used for Chemistry testing (glucose and protein) and has been spun down – we cannot use this tube to run on the BioFire because it could cause false results.
<b>Additional information</b>	An MTS has been assigned to SGMC and WOMC technical and non-technical staff to make sure that both lab sections are aware that <b>spun CSF cannot be used as an “add on” for this test.</b>  If you have any questions please ask your lead tech or supervisor.
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