***Hematology Lab Meeting.***

**03/12/2020 @ 9:00 am**

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| *Present:* | ***Pat Gelineau*** |

Announcement:

When working a double shift to cover evenings, if you stay till 10-11pm. You can come in 1 hour later of your start time if you wish. Please leave a note in the communication book to let us know.

Reminder to call Pending Lists before the end of your shift to assure all has been processed and completed before next shift.

Hazardous waste training continues.

There will be touring in the virology lab, to see the hood where we will process fluids suspected of COVID19.-See working procedure near stainer and supplies you will need.

The suspected Covid19 specimens- they will be hand delivered and will be announced that it could be CoVID19. The fluids will all be manually counted. At this time, they cannot be run on the analyzer. No cytosmears will be made and the fluid will not be spun.

Virology is in the process of developing test for Covid19. They are optimistic about getting validation done this Friday. In order to help with anticipated increased work volume in Virology, mangers are listing generalists ASCP staff with previous chemistry as resources to help. Hematology has 2 names on the list, but it is generally thought that Hematology would be a recipient of tech help, and not a provider. As of the weekend, virology is receiving COVID19 samples.

Dr. Rinder has come up with a basic test menu that we will follow when we are short staffed maybe about 30%- 50% down. We will drastically reduce our special testing and the plan will be to increase our send outs or holding them depending on the test. And we will further reduce the test menu for night shift and defer some of the work like diffs to the day shift.