**Microbiology Dept. Meeting Notes**

**Dec. 14/21 2021**

**General**

Vaccine mandate is on hold. Information can be found on Infonet. Employees planning on filing for exemption should still do so ASAP, as things may change.

In case the question were to arise, both the Solana and the Cepheid will detect the Covid Omicron variant.

Extra Shift Bonus has been approved due to our increased vacancy rate. Employee must work at least an additional 4, 8, or 12 consecutive hours over normal standard hours per pay period without call offs. Micro staff are approved for the time period of 12/26/21-1/9/22. Re-assessment will occur if vacancy rate is >25%. I have the payout rates if you’re interested.

We scored 100% on our CT/GC CAP survey!

**Technical**

A list has been compiled of tests that we can charge for when performing organism i.d.’s, etc. Please begin using these charges so we can get compensated for work performed.

$Beta-lactamase: use when performing a Beta-lactamase

$Conc: use when centrifuging a fluid for concentration for culture

$Culture typing: agglutination: use when performing agglutination tests to narrow down organism i.d. ECO157 typing, staph latex, Strep group A/B antisera, PBP2A

$Definitive ID Aerobic: use when setting Vitek i.d. panels

$Presumptive i.d. urine: use when narrowing i.d. down based on biochemical tests (oxidase, indole, wet prep, gram stain, etc.) and NOT setting Vitek i.d. panel (urines only)

When we encounter a result that is positive on the 4-Plex, other than the Covid, and only a Covid was ordered; Call the ordering provider and explain that the Covid result is negative. However, “strongly suggest” that he/she places an order for the 4-Plex (LAB6109). Do not give verbal results of positive analytes. If this is encountered on employee specimens, add the smartphrase “.flu” in the WHITE chartable comment box (Specimen is positive for Influenza A). Email Amy Helmuth and CC Minnie Truett with employee information. Note in the YELLOW comment box that the above were contacted. I can create a smartphrase for this if we start to encounter a lot of these.

Effective immediately, positive Covid results no longer have to be called to the ED. Refer to the “Positive Covid Result Handling” paper found on the front of the positive Covid results folder beside the Cepheid.