**Microbiology Dept. Meeting Notes 1/17/22**

**General**

Several techs have volunteered to run the Solana on Sundays. Any 4 hour block before 2 p.m. is ideal. I will email/post a sign-up sheet shortly. Kellye worked 1/16 and it went very well. She has also volunteered to work 2/6, 2/13, and 2/20. Trish is going to cover 1/23. ESB will be paid for any 4 hour block over your worked approved hours through the end of this month.

Return to work instructions post positive Covid test are on the fridge outside my office.

**Technical**

Sue has built worklists (outstanding lists) for our cultures only, Cepheid tests, manual tests, and Covids. Working on getting access to print them.

There is a folder in the set up area for “all things Covid”. This includes the test codes and orders for Quest, which positives to call, which to run on Cepheid, where to put specimens, communications that went out to physicians, etc. Please see me with any questions, as things are changing daily. A summary follows:

We are running ED patients that will be discharged on the Solana. These will be ordered as the SARS COV2 RNA. We are also running in-patients that are to be discharged to another care facility on the Solana. On dayshift, we are also running regular in-patient specimens and ED admissions on the Solana to preserve cartridges. HCW’s, employee self swabs, pre-op patients, Homewood residents and employees are all Solana specimens. Specimens coming in after 2 p.m. will be held until the next day.

Cepheid specimens will be in-patients (on off shifts), ED admits (on off shifts), and 4-plex orders on ED and in-patients only. The ED admits will be ordered as PINNACLE SARS COV2 RNA to differentiate them from ED patients being discharged.

We may have to run certain OB patients on the Cepheid if they qualify for monoclonal antibody therapy. More to follow on this.

We are slated to get 250 cartridges this week-hopefully.

When ordering/helping providers order the Quest 31688 Covid/Flu test, tell them to order as a Flexitest Refrigerated and enter test information, including source, in the pop up box. All Flexitest orders will be handled by SPA and should not be put on our generic packing lists.