

Discontinuation of Courtesy Notifications for Non-Critical Results

Purpose: To free skilled labor and optimize time for other tasks.

SITUATION/BACKGROUND

Effective **02/22/2021**, Virology and Microbiology clinical labs will discontinue courtesy notifications of non-critical results for the test analytes/results listed in the below tables.

Update: 12/6/21, please refer to **Mycobacteriology** section below

RECOMMENDATIONS

Virology Discontinue Courtesy Call List

1. Adenovirus (AD) DNA PCR, Quantitative	7. Chlamydia/GC, NAAT
2. Cytomegalovirus (CMV) DNA PCR, Quantitative	8. Trichomonas vaginalis, NAAT
3. Epstein-Barr Virus (EBV) DNA PCR, Quantitative	9. Cytomegalovirus (CMV), IgM
4. Human Herpesvirus-6 (HHV-6) DNA PCR, Quantitative	10. Toxoplasma IgG
5. Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) DNA PCR, Qualitative <i>*CSF samples remain critical</i>	11. Toxoplasma IgM
6. Varicella-Zoster (VZV) DNA PCR, Qualitative <i>*CSF samples remain critical</i>	

Microbiology Discontinue Courtesy Call List

1. Blood Cultures	a. Subsequent positive cultures within 7 DAYS b. Organism IDs OTHER THAN <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> & mold c. Penicillin resistant <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>
2. Gram Stains	a. All non-sterile sites
3. Bacteriology	a. MRSA (Methicillin resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>) from screen culture b. MRSA from non-screening culture EXCEPT the 1 st isolation from inpatient c. VRE (Vancomycin resistant <i>Enterococci</i>) EXCEPT the 1 st isolation from inpatient d. Ceftazidime intermediate or resistant Gram negative bacilli e. <i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> (Group A strep) from pharyngitis and invasive f. <i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i> (Group B strep) from screen cultures
4. Mycobacteriology Effective 12/6/21	a. Non-sterile sites AFB smear except (1st positive TB PCR will be called) b. Repeat positive Acid Fast Bacilli (AFB) smears or TB PCR in Tuberculosis (TB) patients within 90 DAYS c. Non-sterile sites – AFB cultures except for 1 st isolation of <i>M. tuberculosis</i> d. Faxes to clinics
5. Mycology	a. Sterile sites – repeat mold cultures within 90 DAYS b. Non-sterile sites – mold cultures except for 1 st isolation of dimorphic mold
6. Molecular Microbiology	a. Positive GI (gastrointestinal) PCR panel

End-users who would like an Epic alert for the non-critical result can create an in-basket pool by placing a request via ServiceNow.