

Date: Jan 14, 2020

To: Attending Staff, House Staff, Nursing, Clinics, Lab Staff and Clients

From: Dr. Glen Hansen, Medical Director, Microbiology & Molecular Diagnostics

Subject: Changes to laboratory testing for PCR testing for *Bordetella Pertussis*

- In efforts to decrease turn-around time and provide extended testing coverage, Real-time PCR for *B. pertussis*, previously located in the molecular laboratory (Shapiro 3), will now be performed in the microbiology laboratory (Purple 4)
- Testing will continue to employ the *Bordetella* insertion sequence IS481 gene
- There are no changes to EPIC orders or collection requirements
- Testing will now be performed between the hours of 7am- 10pm with expected turn-around times available between 2-4 hours after receipt of the specimen in the microbiology laboratory

For any questions, please contact Dr. Glen Hansen, microbiology director 3-3026; Elizabeth Wesenberg microbiology supervisor 3-4795 or the microbiology laboratory 3-3033.