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Laboratory Update

Testing for *Cyclospora cayetanensis* parasite

Dear Healthcare Provider,

Due to the outbreak of *Cyclospora cayetanensis*, and the ongoing CDC/ODH investigation, the lab is seeing an increase in questions and requests for testing. The following tests are recommended for persistent diarrhea (>14 days) or known risk factors if *Cyclospora* is suspected.

Please be aware that ordering **LAB14915 GI Panel (Gastrointestinal Pathogens Panel by PCR)** which includes *Cyclospora* is **DUPLICATE** testing and not recommended for routine testing. Please consult an ID or GI physician before ordering the full GI PCR panel.

If looking for *Cyclospora* specifically, we recommend the following test- Please also be aware that due to the high demand, they have adjusted the test and reduced the price to reflect reduced number of targets tested:

Due to reagent supply issues, results for *Entamoeba histolytica*, *Giardia lamblia*, and *Cryptosporidium parvum* are currently unavailable. During this time, only *Cyclospora cayetanensis* and *Dientamoeba fragilis* results will be reported.

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Gastrointestinal Parasite Panel by PCR

GI PARAPCR

TRIHEALTH RECOMMENDATION FROM INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Per Dr. Blatt, please order a ULT (Unlisted lab test) in EPIC

ARUP 2011150 Gastrointestinal **Parasite Panel by PCR**

COLLECT: Unpreserved stool, refrigerated

White cap or sterile cup – close tightly

specimen can be split and “hold for ODH” as needed

LAB Team Member/ Processing instructions-

Please split the specimens and write “hold for ODH” on the label. Save for 7 days in a designated refrigerator space (or until results come back negative). Unpreserved, refrigerated stool is preferred, but other specimens may also be sent to ODH as long as they do not contain formalin.

If contacted by Infection Prevention, ODH or public health, please forward all information to Laura Spencer and Irene Hemphill.

Please ask if you have any questions Irene.Hemphill@trihealth.com or Laura_Spencer@trihealth.com

Outpatient/Outreach: Call Customer Support 513-865-1188 opt 2

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