

## Blood Culture Delays

Effective Date: August 18, 2021

The blood culture incubation equipment at the Microbiology Laboratory in Royal Oak is out of order due to a hard drive crash that occurred at 2 p.m. on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Beaumont Laboratory is working quickly to resolve this issue, however, there may be some delays in blood culture reporting.

Blood culture bottles received prior to 2 p.m. on August 17<sup>th</sup>

- No delay in incubation or processing.
- No change in reporting of positive blood culture bottles.
- **Providers will no longer receive a negative blood culture result after every 24 hours of incubation. Negative blood culture results will only be released to the patient's chart after 5 days of incubation.**

Blood culture bottles received after 2 p.m. on August 17<sup>th</sup>

- Blood culture bottles requiring incubation will be sent to the Microbiology Laboratory in Troy or Grosse Pointe.
- This will lead to a delay in initial incubation times for blood culture bottles.
- No change in reporting of positive and negative blood culture results.

If you have questions, please contact Client Services (1-800-551-0488, option 5).

Laboratory Test Directory: <http://beaumontlaboratory.com/test-lab-directory>.

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