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Corewell Health East Laboratory Microbiology Consolidation

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Laboratory Bulletin

Beginning in March 2024, routine microbiology testing will transition from Dearborn and Troy laboratories to Corewell Health William Beaumont University Hospital's (WBUH) central microbiology laboratory. Microbiology specimens from Corewell Health Troy, Dearborn, Taylor, Trenton, and Wayne Hospitals will be routed to WBUH for testing. Testing will be transitioned in several phases. Rapid testing for Group A *Streptococcus*, SARS-CoV-2, Influenza, RSV, and *C. difficile* as well as Wet Prep Exam will remain available at all sites. STAT CSF Gram stains will be transported to WBUH via STAT courier to ensure accuracy while maintaining rapid availability of results.

Centralizing all routine microbiology testing to one location ensures that providers and patients at all locations have access to the same high-quality testing and expertise and allows for standardization of test menu, performance, and reporting across Corewell Health East. The consolidation is not expected to result in any significant impact on turn-around time. Any delays that occur during the transition phase will be communicated in a separate bulletin.

If you have questions, please contact your Beaumont Laboratory Customer Service Department:

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