

MICROBIOLOGY CRITICAL VALUES

Positive result: Notify patient caregiver unless otherwise noted below.

Blood culture (Must notify physician; nurse coordinator if transplant patient; shift III-patient's RN). For discharged ED patients, notify Pharmacy.
<i>Bordetella pertusis</i> (Caregiver and Infection Control; Immediate report to Douglas County Health Dept.)
Cholera (<i>Vibrio cholerae</i>) – (Caregiver and Infection Control and Epidemiology; (Caregiver and Infection Control; Immediate report to Douglas County Health Dept.)
<i>Corynebacterium diphtheriae</i> (Caregiver and Infection Control and Epidemiology; Immediate report to Douglas County Health Dept.)
Cryptococcal antigen, first positive
Enterovirus
Fungal stains and/or cultures (sterile sites)
Gram stain or culture from cornea, sclera or vitreous fluid
Gram stain or culture from sterile body fluid or tissue collected in surgery
Gram stain or culture from CSF (Must notify physician)
Group B streptococci culture; from nursery or inpatient only
<i>Haemophilus influenza</i> from CSF or blood (must call physician, page Healthcare Epidemiology; Immediate report to Douglas County Health Dept.)
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> – from CSF or blood (Must notify physician)
Meningitis – bacterial, fungal, viral
Meningitis/Encephalitis panel
<i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> from CSF or blood (Must notify physician)
Potential biothreat agents*: <i>Bacillus anthracis</i> , <i>Brucella species</i> , <i>Clostridium botulinum</i> , <i>Francisella tularensis</i> , <i>Yersina pestis</i> *(Call Special Pathogens lab (402-888-5588), Healthcare Epidemiology, Caregiver; Immediate report to Douglas County Health Dept.)