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Holiday Hours

All PSC locations will be closed on November 28th in observance of Thanksgiving. All three locations will open at their regularly scheduled time on Friday November 29th and will close at 2:00pm. MercyOne PSCs will resume normal business hours starting Monday, December 2nd.

To view locations, hours of operation, and to make an appointment, please visit the link or scan the QR code below:

<https://www.mercyone.org/desmoines/find-a-service-or-specialty/lab-services/for-patients>



Have a wonderful holiday and thank you for trusting us with your laboratory needs.

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Acid Fast Bacilli & Fungal Cultures

We are pleased to announce that starting December 4, Fungal Cultures and AFB Cultures will once again be performed by MercyOne Des Moines Microbiology Laboratory.

Please see the chart below to reference the new orderables:

New Orderable	Previous Orderable	Specimen Types	Culture Types
C Fung	FGEN	Various; other than Blood, Skin, Hair, or Nails	Fungal Culture
C AFB	CTB	Various; other than blood	AFB Culture
C AFBw/PCR	CTB + MTBPCR	Sputum or BAL	AFB with PCR
C Fung D	FDERM	Skin, Hair, Nails	Fungal Dermal Culture

Shared Specimens

- Tissues and Body Fluid containers for Aerobic, Anaerobic, Fungal, and AFB cultures may all share the same container.
- Swabs for Aerobic, Anaerobic, Fungal, and AFB cultures will need 2 swabs (AFB needs its own Eswab).

Testing Criteria

CSF for AFB cultures will only be accepted if the patient is over six weeks old and specimen meets at least two the following criteria:

- CSF glucose <30 mg/dl
- CSF protein >70 mg/dl
- CSF cell count > 10/mm³.

Reference Testing:

Please note that blood specimens will continue to be sent to Mayo for both Fungal and AFB orders.

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