

TEST NOTICE: Duplicate orders
NOTIFICATION DATE: 7/15/2022
EFFECTIVE DATE: 8/1/2022

Affected Test Names/Codes

- ROUTINE STOOL CULTURE - **LAB304849, LAB123009**
- GASTROINTESTINAL PANEL BY BIOFIRE FILM ARRAY - **LAB1231416**

Explanation: The molecular GI Panel FilmArray exhibits significantly higher sensitivity (PMID: 25588652) and broader GI pathogen coverage compared to routine stool culture. Furthermore, for any pathogenic bacteria of public health significance detected by GI Panel Film Array, the laboratory automatically attempts to culture an isolate and submit it to the state public health laboratory. As a result, ordering both tests on the same specimen has no utility. Therefore, beginning 1 Aug 2022, for any specimen received with concurrent orders, the stool culture will be cancelled and the GI Panel FilmArray performed. In the absence of an order for GI Panel FilmArray, routine stool cultures will still be accepted.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS TESTING

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