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From: Eastern Health – Public Health Microbiology Laboratory (PHML)

Re: Six-week disruption in Bacteriology Bench coverage

To: All physicians and Allied Health Care Workers

Dear Colleagues,

Due to Medical Laboratory Technologist personnel shortages within the PHML, the midnight to 7am shifts for bacteriology services will NOT be staffed for at least 6 weeks effective immediately.

Specimens requiring gram stains and working up samples/specimens for bacterial and fungal pathogens if received or get flagged after midnight will need to wait until 7am to be processed.

If there is an urgent clinical microbiology diagnostic situation, please contact the Microbiologist-On-Call via hospital locating at 709 777 6300 or via email at microbiologistoncall@easternhealth.ca

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this disruption.

Dr. George Zahariadis, Director and Chief

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