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Antibiotic-Resistant Organism (ARO) Surveillance

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Due to the increasing volumes in COVID-19 testing and the high positivity rates we are currently experiencing, Microbiology staffing resources are going to have to be redeployed within SHL to focus on this testing. Therefore, effective 12:01am Wednesday December 22, 2021, ARO admission and prevalence screening will temporarily be discontinued until further notice.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this communication please reach out to Dr. Kevin Katz, Division Head, Microbiology.

We will inform you when we are able to bring this testing back on line in the future.

Thank you

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