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Urine specimens for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, & Trichomonas

As of December 8, 2020 Munson Healthcare was able to acquire a small stockpile of urine transport tubes for Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhoeae and Trichomonas vaginalis PCR testing. As of this date, providers may submit urine samples for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Trichomonas testing. These tests continue to be performed through Mayo Clinical Labs.

Enterovirus on CSF

Due to a manufacture discontinuation of reagent, standalone enterovirus testing, <https://mhc.testcatalog.org/show/EV> will be replaced by meningitis/encephalitis testing, <https://mhc.testcatalog.org/show/MEP> beginning this week.

Group A Strep Testing on Throat Specimens

Effective December 21, 2020 Munson Healthcare will be replacing our current Group A Strep screen (throat culture) with a Group A Strep PCR test. The Group A Strep PCR test has a higher sensitivity than previous methods, therefore will not require a culture confirmation. All throat swabs submitted to MHC for pharyngitis will be screened for Group A Strep by PCR.

If your office is performing a Group A Strep test in the office on a method other than PCR, it is recommended that negative tests be confirmed by culture or PCR.

To have this test performed for your patients please collect a throat swab using either an E swab pictured below (purple or white cap) or a routine swab placed in a sterile tube, and submit to the laboratory with a test requisition. Call your local laboratory for swabs.

