

Laboratory Testing Update

Date: July 22, 2024

Beginning today, 7/22/2024, the following Epic order requests are inactive due to manufacturer supply constraints and nationwide backorders.

Fungal Blood Culture (No Stain) LAB242
and
AFB Blood Culture LAB246

Reference labs will no longer accept collection transport tubes for testing as the last step in culture processing requires Bactec Myco/F Lytic blood culture bottles which are the supply constraint.

Until further notice, all AFB and fungal blood culture testing will **NOT** be performed until supplies are available.

Please see the FDA letter to Health Care Provider link below:

[Disruptions in Availability of BD BACTEC Blood Culture Media Bottles - Letter to Health Care Providers | FDA](#)

Please note that bacterial blood cultures at SEH *currently* are not affected by this shortage.

Any questions, please contact the Microbiology lab at 859-301-2074

Thank you,

Renee

Renee.Thompson@stelizabeth.com