Des Moines Laboratory Update

Date: July 18, 2019

Cyclospora Testing

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has reported an increase of Cyclospora infections in the state of Iowa. If only Cyclospora testing is requested, please order a Miscellaneous Blood Test and add “Stool for Cyclospora stain to SHL” as a note. Cyclospora testing is not included in OP Basic or OP Expanded. Please submit the stool sample in the Total Fix transport container at room temperature.

Cyclospora Modified Acid Fast Stain sent to SHL
CPT Price
87015, 87207 $33.54

For those performing stool PCR testing, IDPH has requested that samples positive for Cyclospora by multiplex PCR should be sent to the State Hygienic Laboratory (SHL) for further characterization. MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory offers the BioFire® FilmArray® Gastrointestinal Panel which includes Cyclospora (specimen is preserved stool in Cary Blair transport media) and any positive samples for this parasite will be sent to the SHL.

Specimen Delivery to MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory

For prompt service, please have patients dropping off specimens (i.e. urine/stool) present to one of our 3 patient service centers.

MercyOne Des Moines Health Plaza
411 Laurel St., Level A Ste. 265
Des Moines
P 515-643-8924 F 515-643-8239
Mon. – Fri., 6 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Starting Aug. 5th, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

MercyOne Clive Health Plaza
1601 NW 114th St., Ste. 134
Clive
P 515-222-7500 F 515-222-7510
Mon. – Fri., 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

MercyOne Ankeny Health Plaza
800 E. First St., Ste. 1400
Ankeny
P 515-643-7710 F 515-643-8176
Mon. – Fri., 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.
(Closed noon – 1 p.m.)
Specimens may also be taken to the clinic where the laboratory order originated.

If you have any questions, please contact Mona Dinnauer, Laboratory Director - Outreach Services at 515-643-4933.

Thank you for choosing MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory.