



MICROBIOLOGY CRITICAL VALUES

		AGE	CRITICAL VALUE
Results relating to all Microbiology testing		Any	Any bioterrorism agent
Bacteriology Smears	Blood Culture	Any	Any positive
	CSF	Any	Any positive
	Sterile body fluids	Any	Any positive
Bacteriology Cultures	Blood Culture	Any	Any positive, if initial smear was negative
	CSF Culture	Any	Any positive, if initial smear was negative
	Body fluid culture (pleural, peritoneal, amniotic, pericardial, synovial)	Any	Any positive, if initial smear was negative
Mycology Smears	Pneumocystis DFA	Any	Any positive
	Corneal	Any	Any positive
Mycology Cultures	Culture Fungus	Any	Positive for these dimorphic or pathogenic fungi (Blastomyces, Coccidioides, Histoplasma, Cryptococcus, Paracoccidioides)
	Any fungus culture on CSF, blood, sterile body fluid or tissue (biopsy) specimens	Any	Positive for any fungal pathogen
Mycology Antigen Tests	Cryptococcal antigen	Any	First positive on CSF or serum
Parasitology	Blood smear parasite	Any	First positive
Parasitology Antigen Tests	Malaria EIA (included in blood smear parasite)	Any	First positive
AFB Smears/Cultures	Smear AFB --direct or concentrate with culture	Any	Any positive
	AFB cultures	Any	Any smear negative, when culture first turns positive (no ID yet)
		Any	All culture positives identified as TB
Molecular Assays	Enterovirus, CSF	Any	Any positive
	Meningitis Panel	Any	Any positive
	TB PCR	Any	Any positive
	COVID-19 Xpress	Any	Any positive

Critical = Call within 15 minutes of knowing it's a positive to floor/physician