EXTENDED INCUBATION TIME FOR CSF FUNGAL CULTURES

Based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), together with the TN Department of Health, the Vanderbilt Microbiology Laboratory is now incubating CSF Fungal Cultures for SIX weeks before a final result of NEGATIVE is reported. CSF Fungal Cultures were previously held for four weeks.

The current Fungal Meningitis Outbreak continues to be an evolving situation. Updates from CDC occur daily (sometimes multiple daily updates).

The CDC web site is the primary source for current Fungal Meningitis Outbreak information:

www.cdc.gov/HAI/outbreaks/meningitis

Our VPLS web site also provides links to the CDC information and to information from the Vanderbilt Department of Infection Control and Prevention.

www.labVU.com

For more information or assistance, please contact VPLS at 1-800-551-5227, x4.