



April 16, 2019

Dear SJCHS Healthcare Providers,

Effective May 15th, 2019 testing listed below will no longer be performed in house. Testing is available from the reference laboratory with an expected turn-around-time of less than 48 hours. O&P comprehensives have an expected turn-around-time of 3-7 days. New test names are as follows:

Cryptococcus Ag by EIA, CSF
Cryptococcus Ag by EIA, Serum
Legionella Pneumophila Antigen
Fat, Fecal Qualitative
Rotavirus Antigen by EIA, Stool
Ova & Parasite Comprehensive

Note: If a parasite infection is suspected as a cause of persistent diarrhea (>14) days, specific pathogen testing is recommended. Suggested guidelines are O&P screen for Giardia/Cryptosporidium. If screening is negative and patient has a history of travel or are immunocompromised, then a GI panel may be justified. A GI panel includes cyclospora, cryptosporidium, E. histolytica, Giardia, STEC, and other common bacterial and viral pathogens. It is also recommended to collect three separate stool specimens over a 5-7 day period for a O&P examination.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the laboratory at Candler 912-819-8440 option 3 or St. Joseph's at 912-819-2427.