

## Medical Staff Bulletin

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September 01, 2018

### Change in Microbiology Hours of Operation

As of September 01, 2018, the **UHN/SHS Microbiology Department will be open for service 24/7**. All specimens can be delivered to the department at any time, seven days a week including holidays. Specimen transport procedures that are currently in place will remain the same and will be expanded to accommodate the new hours of operation.

This change stems from the Department of Microbiology's commitment to continuous quality improvement. The implementation of new technology now allows for continuous processing of many microbiology specimens which will in turn allow for a reduction in turnaround times for microbiology reports.

Please share this notice with your team and anyone else who should be aware of this change.

**For more information, questions, or concerns:**

Please contact the UHN Microbiology Call Centre (416-340-4800 ext. 5227)  
Sinai Health System Microbiology Lab (416-586-4432).