



**Date:** September 8, 2020  
**To:** Lethbridge and Area Physicians and Nursing Staff  
**From:** Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) - Chinook Regional Hospital, Microbiology  
**Re:** Change to negative Blood Culture reporting times

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**Key Message:**

- Negative blood cultures will now have a preliminary report issued after 48 hours, and a final report after 5 days of incubation. Preliminary reports will no longer be issued at 18 - 24 hours.
- Positive blood cultures will continue to be processed and reported within 1 hour of positivity.

**Why This Is Important:**

- In preparation for alignment with Connect Care, a change to reporting time of negative blood cultures is required.

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