

## Meningitis Encephalitis PCR Panel: Reagent Shortage

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To all users of the UR Medicine Central Laboratory Clinical Microbiology Lab:

Effective immediately we are unable to perform the Biofire multiplex meningitis/encephalitis panel (MENCP) due to a critical reagent shortage. Until further notice, if a MENCP is ordered the following tests will be run: aerobic culture, Gram stain, HSV PCR, and VZV PCR. The test report will indicate that the other MENCP analytes were not performed.

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