

Microbiology		
Test	Turnaround time from receipt in Laboratory	Service Provider
Acanthamoeba culture	10 days	London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
Blood culture and susceptibilities	Positives phoned as they arise. Negatives reported at 6 days (14 if suspected endocarditis)	Jersey General Hospital
CAPD (Continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis) fluid for microscopy, culture and susceptibilities (MC&S)	Microscopy same day, Culture up to 6 days, positives as they arise	Jersey General Hospital
Catheter tip culture and susceptibilities	2 to 5 days	Jersey General Hospital
Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)	Microscopy same day. Culture 2 days if negative, positives as they arise	Jersey General Hospital
Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) for tuberculosis culture	6 to 8 weeks for negative culture	National Mycobacterial Reference Service
Corneal scrapings/contact lenses and case for culture and susceptibilities	Microscopy same day. Culture 5 days	Jersey General Hospital
Faeces for <i>Clostridioides difficile</i> (C diff) toxin	1 day	Jersey General Hospital
Faeces for culture	3 to 5 days	Jersey General Hospital
Faecal parasite microscopy	2 to 4 days	Jersey General Hospital
Fluids ('sterile' aspirates) for microscopy and culture	Microscopy same day, Culture 2 to 5 days	Jersey General Hospital
Genital/sexually transmitted infection (STI) swab for microscopy and culture	2 to 3 days	Jersey General Hospital
Intrauterine contraceptive device (IUCD) for culture and susceptibilities	1 to 10 days	Jersey General Hospital
Methicillin Resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA) screening (culture and susceptibilities)	Negative at 2 days, Positives 3 to 4 days	Jersey General Hospital
Methicillin Sensitive <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MSSA) screening culture and susceptibilities	Negative at 2 days, Positives 3 to 4 days	Jersey General Hospital
Mycology microscopy and culture	Microscopy 1 week, Culture 3 weeks	UKHSA Birmingham
Pus microscopy and culture	Gram stain day 1, 2 to 3 days for culture	Jersey General Hospital
Quantiferon for latent tuberculosis	10 days	UKHSA Birmingham
Sputum (routine culture)	Negative at 2 days, positives may take longer	Jersey General Hospital
Sputum (tuberculosis microscopy and culture)	Microscopy 1 to 2 days, Culture 2 to 12 weeks	Microscopy: Jersey General Hospital Culture: National Mycobacterial Reference Service Central
Swabs for microscopy and culture, (eye, nose, throat, ear and wound, mouth, skin etc.)	2 to 5 days	Jersey General Hospital
Threadworms	1 to 2 days	Jersey General Hospital
Tissue for microscopy and culture	2 to 5 days	Jersey General Hospital
Tissue: (multiple specimens from prosthetic revisions)	Negatives at 7 days, positives as they arise	Jersey General Hospital
Urine for microscopy and culture	1 to 2 days, complicated positives may take longer	Jersey General Hospital
Urine for tuberculosis culture	2 to 12 weeks	National Mycobacterial Reference Service Central
Urine for schistosomiasis	1 to 2 weeks	London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
Worm, parasite	2 to 3 days	Jersey General Hospital