

## Laboratory Testing for Infectious Causes of Diarrhea<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> This panel should NOT be used for chronic diarrhea.

<sup>2</sup> Warning signs and risk factors for severe disease include fever, bloody diarrhea, dysentery, severe abdominal pain, dehydration, hospitalization, and immunocompromised state.

- <sup>3</sup> During the summer, consider ordering STFRP / Shiga Toxin, Molecular Detection, PCR, Feces on children with diarrhea even if they don't have frankly bloody diarrhea, are not toxic-appearing, and diarrhea has been present <7 days.
- <sup>4</sup> GI Pathogen Panel tests for common bacterial, viral and parasitic causes of diarrhea
- <sup>5</sup> Submit 3 stool collected on separate days for maximum sensitivity

**Note:** In outbreak scenarios with a known organism, consider ordering a specific test for that organism (CYCL / Cyclospora Stain, Feces; CRYPS / *Cryptosporidium* Antigen, Feces; GIAR / Giardia Antigen, Feces; bacterial stool culture)