• Contact your Infection Control Practitioner (ICP) to determine when the retesting process can begin. Certain conditions may lead to delayed testing for clearance as they present a risk for continued colonization of the MRSA or VRE.

• **Wait at least 3 months (from the last positive date)** before retesting for MRSA or VRE.
  - Ensure all treatment for infection (i.e., Urinary tract infection, pneumonia, etc.) is complete at least 48 hours before retesting process begins.

• Ensure the client is taking no IV or oral antibiotics, or using antibacterial soaps (i.e., Chlorhexadine soap) 48 hours before each set of cultures, so as to not interfere with culture results.

• **Required Testing Sites** (See the [Specimen Collection Guide](#) for appropriate method of collection):
  - Three sets of cultures from all documented positive sites as well as the usual screening sites for the organism are required.
    - If testing for MRSA, also take three sets of cultures from ANY wound* or device site**, even if it has not been positive in the past.
    - If a urine culture or blood culture was a positive site, swab for MRSA or VRE using their usual screening sites.

One set of cultures NEGATIVE from all required sites.

Obtain two more sets of cultures from all required sites at least one week apart.

If any site is POSITIVE

Repeat cultures in 3 months.

If three negative sets of cultures from all required sites.

Fax results to Infection Prevention & Control - Saskatoon (306-655-6142). IP&C - Saskatoon will notify you once client has been cleared and can be removed from precautions.

**LTC/RENAL SERVICES:** Repeat testing of ALL required sites monthly x 6 months (monthly x 12 months for Renal Services). Renal Services will continue screening annually.

**NOTE:** There is no clearance process for CPO.

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*Wound sites – include draining or open wounds/incisions

**Device sites – swab opening surrounding device