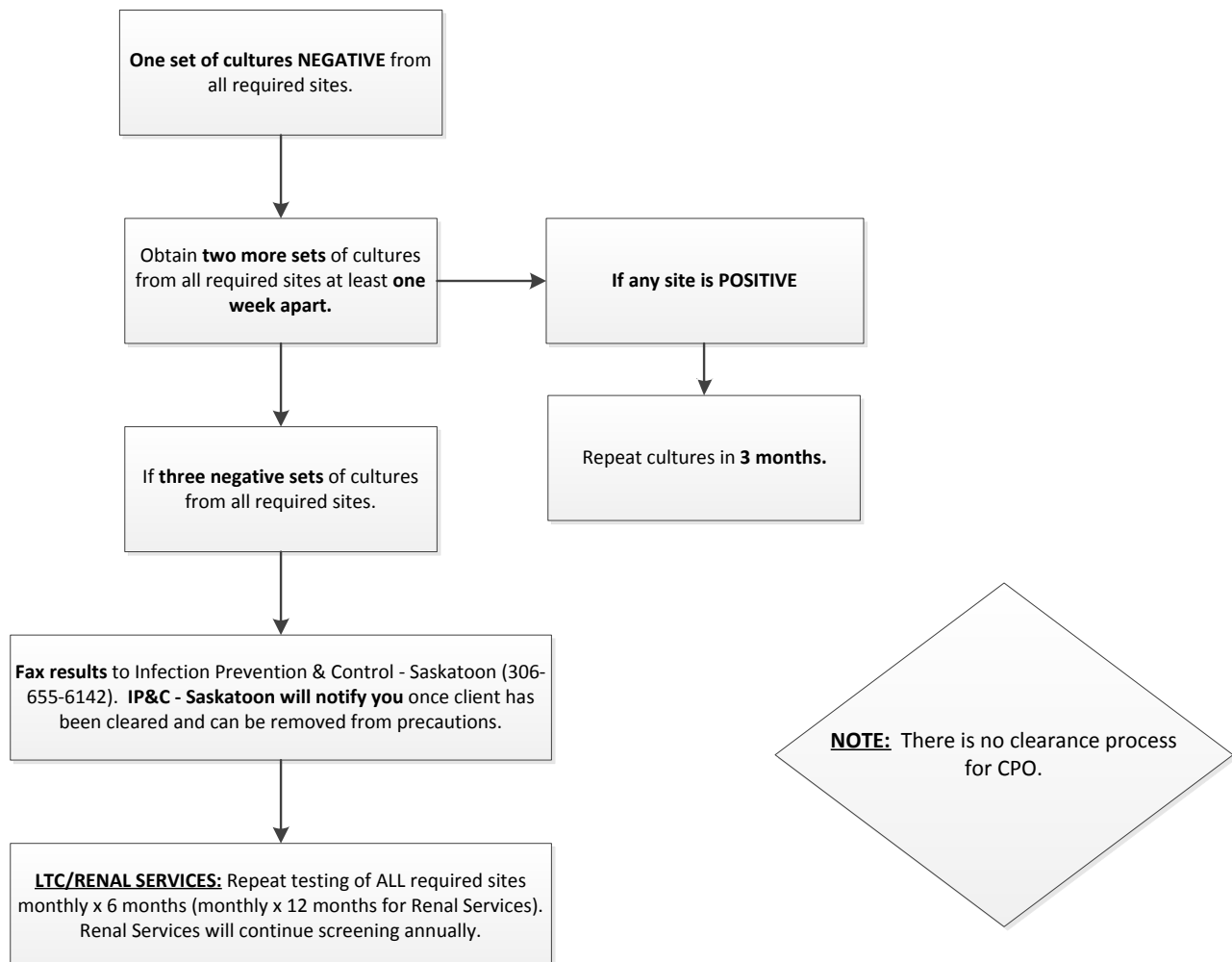


## 60-30 Appendix D – MRSA and VRE Retesting Process to Clear Positive Status

- 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**.



\*Wound sites – include draining or open wounds/incisions

\*\*Device sites – swab opening surrounding device