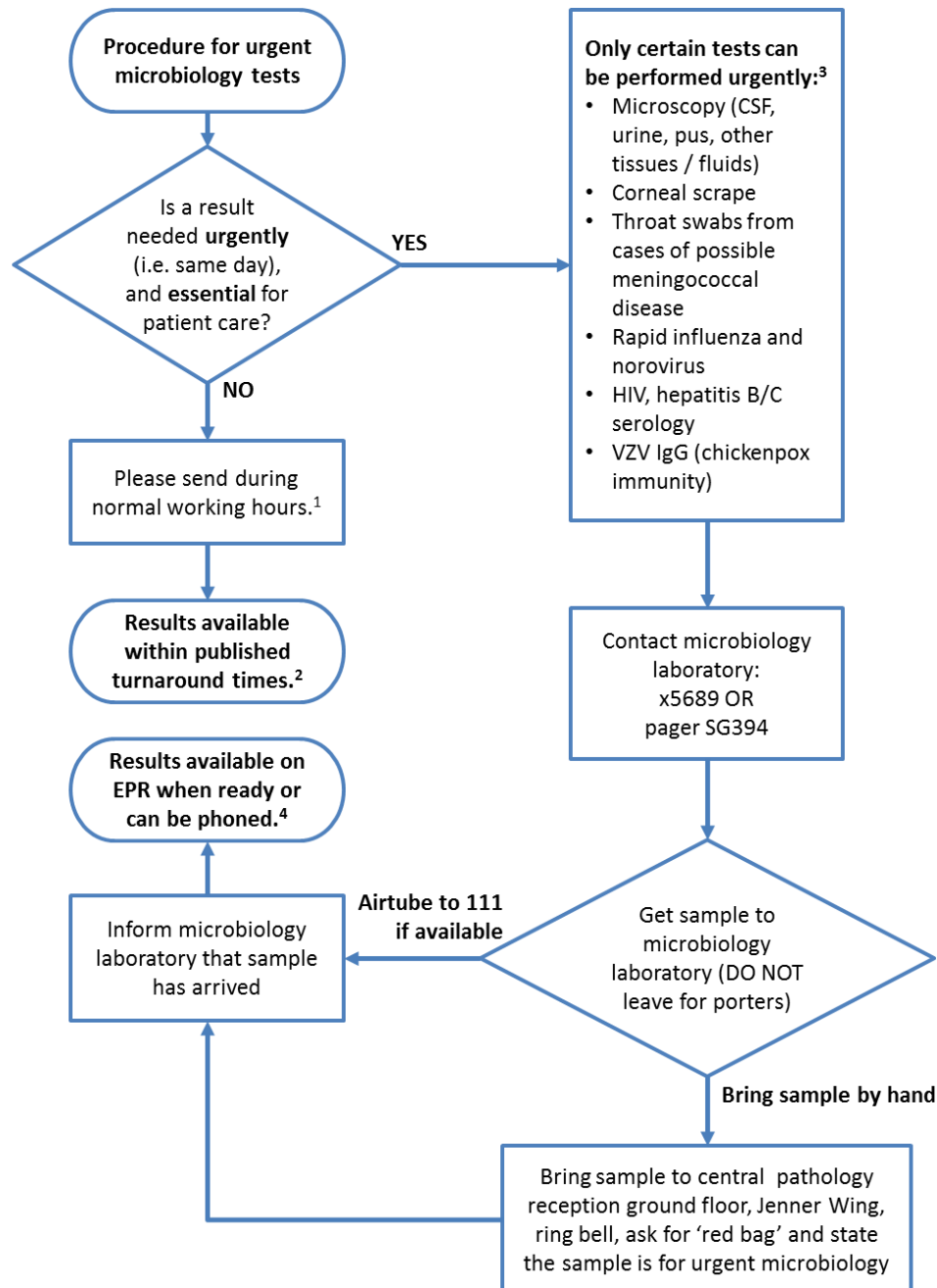


## Flow chart for ordering urgent or out-of-hours microbiology tests



1. Exception is blood cultures, which should be sent when clinically indicated. Normal laboratory working hours are 0800-2030 Monday-Sunday
2. Please see website [www.swlpath.nhs.uk](http://www.swlpath.nhs.uk)
3. For all other tests, please discuss with duty microbiologist on x5685 0900-1730 Mon-Fri or via switchboard out-of-hours
4. Telephoned results must be pre-arranged with the duty biomedical scientist on pager SG394