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<td>Monkeypox Virus DNA, Qualitative Real-Time PCR</td>
<td>Monkeypox (orthopoxvirus), DNA, PCR</td>
<td>Two lesion swabs in a dry transport tube.</td>
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<td>Test Ordering Code</td>
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<td>Preferred Specimen</td>
<td>One Lesion swab collected in 3 mL <strong>viral transport media (VTM), universal transport media (UTM)</strong> or equivalent</td>
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<td>Swab Type</td>
<td>Synthetic swab (e.g. polyester, rayon or dacron). Do not use Calcium alginate or wooden swabs</td>
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| Collection Instructions | • Swab the pustule/lesion vigorously and place the swab into a viral culture media (or equivalent) tube.  
• Insert the swab into the tube containing UTM or VTM. Carefully break the swab at the score line and tightly close the sample.  
• Each individual specimen submitted for Monkeypox virus testing should be accompanied by its own separate requisition and transported in its own sealed bag. Consider placing inside 2 biohazard bags for extra protection.  
• **Note:** Some UTM kits may contain two swabs; however, only one swab needs to be collected and submitted for testing. Consider submitting samples from at least 2 lesions on different parts of the body.  
| Transport Temperature and Shipping Instructions | • Frozen preferred.  
• Refrigerated acceptable for 7 days  
• Room temperature not accepted. |
| Reject Criteria | • Sample shipped/sent at room temperature  
• Sample received with Calcium Alginate swabs or wooden swabs  
• Improperly submitted specimens, swabs in non-validated transport media, swabs sent in aerobic or anaerobic transport devices |
| Turn Around Time | 2 to 3 days |

**For BOL Testing:**

*PACKAGING INSTRUCTIONS:
1. Place the collection container(s) in the sealable compartment(s) of a biohazard bag; one container per compartment. Seal the biohazard bag.  
2. Place the submission form(s) in the outer compartment of the biohazard bag. Do not allow the form(s) to touch the collection container(s)  
3. Place the biohazard bag and a cold pack into a shipping box.*
**SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS:**
1. Package, label, and ship specimens as Category B infectious substance affecting humans (UN 3373) in accordance with the US Department of Transportation’s Hazardous Materials Regulations and the International Air Transport Association Dangerous Goods Regulations.
2. Address the package. Use the BOL’s address in the footer of this document.
3. If possible, ship the specimen(s) immediately on cold packs. If not, follow the storage directions above.
4. Contact BOL to arrange for delivery via courier. Provide the following information: address, location, contact name and phone number, number of packages and what time the package(s) will be ready.

### Examples of Universal Transport Media and Viral Transport Media (UTM/VTM)

- Copan Universal Transport Medium (UTM)
- BD UVT
- Cepheid XPert Sample Collection Kit for Viruses
- Hardy-Health Link UTM.

### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Staff should wear an N95, eye protection, gown, and gloves.
- Conduct hand hygiene.

### Room Cleaning (including laundry and medical equipment/instruments)

- Standard cleaning and disinfection of room, equipment, and any clearly identified chair or seat the patient may have had prolonged contact.
  - Please see the attached list for any other chemicals (or call infection control for questions): [https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/disinfectants-emerging-viral-pathogens-evps-list-q](https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/disinfectants-emerging-viral-pathogens-evps-list-q).
  - There is no necessary air cleaning.
- Soiled linen should be placed in laundry bag using standard precautions.
- Soiled linen should not be shaken or managed in the way that could aerosolize any potential infectious material.
- Do not dry sweep, mop or vacuum suspect or confirmed patient’s room. Wet cleaning methods are preferred.
- Disposable medical instruments and patient care devices should follow routine handling and disposal processes.
- All reusable medical instruments used in procedures should be cleaned and then High level disinfected or sterilized as appropriate.