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Detection of Monkeypox via Real-Time PCR Laboratory Submission Information Sheet

Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes: Monkeypox is a Notifiable Condition. If you have not already done so, please report confirmed cases to the Maine CDC via the disease reporting line: 1-800-821-5821 (24hrs/day 7 days/week).
Required To Submit Laboratory Specimen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Samples may be submitted to HETL or commercial laboratories.
Required Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information on requisition must include: suspected organism, patient name, DOB, date of collection, specimen source or type, Collection Location of Specimen (Body Site), submitter name and contact information. Important: all specimens must be labeled with patient name and be accompanied by a unique Orthopox Specimen Submission form.
Specimen Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specimens from 3 separate lesions in duplicate, vesicles, or fluid• Preferably collect from lesions that are at different stages of development.• DRY SWABS ONLY
Collection Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collect TWO DRY swabs from each lesion.• Place the two duplicate DRY swabs in an empty sterile specimen container.• Note: You will have 3 specimen containers each containing 2 swabs for a total of 6 swabs.• Note: You must have one submission form for each specimen container.• Refrigerate and ship at (2–8°C) to HETL.• HETL will send to CDC for confirmation.
Turn Around Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Testing will be batched and only run on Tuesdays and Thursdays.• PCR Results should be expected within 24-48 hrs of specimen receipt.
Unacceptable Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DO NOT use swabs with wooden shafts• DO NOT use swabs with calcium alginate or cotton tips• DO NOT use viral transport media (VTM), sterile saline or any transport media
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Results will be reported to the submitter as stated on requisition via mail or fax, Maine CDC infectious disease epidemiology• Positive results will be reported out as "Non-variola orthopoxvirus DNA Detected."• Negative results will be reported out as "Non-variola orthopoxvirus DNA Not Detected."
Laboratory Testing Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is no fee for testing associated with Bioterrorism, Select Agents, and the Laboratory Response Network.
Applicable CPT Codes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• N/A
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bioterrorism Coordinator at 207-287-6736• Bioterrorism Principal Investigator at 207-287-5769• Sentinel Lab Coordinator at 207-287-5679• Bacteriology at 207 287 1704• Pre-exposure prophylaxis inquires at Maine CDC at 1-800-821-5821