

## **Laboratory Technical Bulletin**

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Title: Monkeypox Testing

Test: Monkeypox (orthopoxvirus), DNA, PCR Test

Per Tompkins County Health Department and Infection Prevention, the laboratory will be sending ALL monkeypox test requests to Labcorp.

The test does NOT require local health department approval. However, the local health department does want to be notified that the testing has been ordered.

Mayo does NOT currently have a test available, although they are hoping to have one soon. The laboratory will change to Mayo when testing is available.

Test Name	Monkeypox (orthopoxvirus), DNA, PCR Test		
Test Code	Microbiology Miscellaneous (MMAYO)		
	Labcorp Code: 140230		
Perform Site	Labcorp		
Method	PCR		
Specimen	Vigorously swab or brush the base of the lesion with a sterile DRY polyester, rayon or Dacron swab (red or white culturette swab).  Collect a second swab from the same lesion.		
	Do NOT add any transport media to the sample.  Two swabs should be submitted to ensure adequate material is sampled.		
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Stability/Processing	Refrigerate and send specimens to the main lab. Samples should be delivered to microbiology. Micro staff will verify that the test was collected properly and will notify the local health department.		
Turnaround time	2-3 days		

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