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Re: Testing for Monkeypox Virus

It is no longer necessary to consult with state or federal health officials before initiating diagnostic testing at commercial laboratories.

Monkeypox reporting and specimen collection

COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

- Swab the pustule/lesion vigorously and place the swab into a viral culture media tube.
- Each individual specimen submitted for Monkeypox virus testing should be accompanied by its own separate requisition and transported in its own sealed bag.
- Multiple specimens collected on a single patient should be submitted separately.

COLLECTION DEVICE

The Pathology Lab provides specimen kits. The kit consists of VCM, VTM, UTM, or equivalent, and sterile nylon, polyester, or Dacron swab with a plastic shaft. **WOODEN OR CALCIUM ALGINATE SWABS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.**

SPECIMEN STABILITY

Room temperature: Unacceptable

Refrigerated: 7 days

Frozen: 30 days

The Pathology Lab will electronically report positive results to the state.

If you have any questions, contact Nicho Bourque at 337.312.1280 or nbourque@thepathlab.com.

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