**Monkeypox Specimen Collection**

Contents: 1 swab and transport tube for sampling of a single lesion per collection instructions listed below.

Personnel who collect specimens for monkeypox testing should use personal protective equipment (PPE) in accordance with CDC’s recommendations for healthcare settings (i.e. gown, gloves, eye protection, and NIOSH-approved particulate respirator equipped with N95 filters or higher).

Collection Instructions:

1. One collection kit is appropriate for use with one lesion. If clinically indicated, consider submitting additional swabs if multiple lesions with different stages are present. For collection of multiple lesions, request multiple collection kits.
2. Vigorously swab or brush lesion with sterile dry polyester or Dacron swab.
3. Place swab into the transport tube containing 3mL VTM.
4. In addition to a minimum of 2 patient identifiers (name, DOB, MRN), the sample should be clearly labeled with a site/source.
5. Specimens must be stored at refrigerated temperatures within one hour after specimen collection. Specimens should be frozen (-20°C or lower) if longer storage is required.
6. Specimens should be walked to the lab. **Do not use the tube system for transport**.

Please contact the Laboratory at 266-1600 with questions.

[Monkeypox Virus DNA, Qualitative Real-Time PCR | Test Detail | Quest Diagnostics](https://testdirectory.questdiagnostics.com/test/test-detail/12084/monkeypox-virus-dna-qualitative-real-time-pcr?q=monkeypox&cc=MASTER)