



Monkey Pox (Orthopoxvirus), DNA, PCR

As a high-complexity, molecular biology lab, MHS Labs utilizes Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing for pathogen identification as well as for the quantification detection of bacteria, viruses, fungi, and antibiotic resistance.

Specimen Collection: See the full collection instructions.

Result Turn-Around-Time: Results are normally completed within 24-48 hours from receipt of the specimen at MHS.

Ordering Information: Please select Monkey Pox, PCR, ordering code: P40000

Test Name:	Monkey Pox, PCR
Test Code:	P40000
Required Collection Questions:	Swab Type: Dry or VTM (=UTM) Collection Site: This will be free text (i.e., Left Hand, Right Forearm, etc.)
Method:	PCR – Polymerase Chain Reaction
Specimen Requirements:	Dry Transport System Swab BD VTM or UTM (Cotton, Rayon, or Flock)
Collection Instructions:	Choose a visible lesion and vigorously rub with the swab or brush the base of the lesion. During this process, the wound may derroof. See Full Collection Instructions.
Unacceptable specimen types:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any swab submitted with a wooden shaft will be Rejected. • Unlabeled or Mislabeled Specimens
Storage, Transport, Stability:	Once collected the specimen is to be kept: Refrigerated Transport Temperature: Refrigerated Stability: 7 Days
Schedule of Testing:	Six days a week, Monday thru Friday. Completion Time: 24-48 Hours
CPT Code (s):	87593

****Please contact MHS Labs at 412-373-7900, option 1 to obtain the appropriate collection kits.**