

# NPHL Alert

## Collection & Transport Supplies Needed for Testing of Possible Monkeypox at NPHL

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### **Attention Laboratorians,**

As the monkeypox situation in the United States continues to expand, laboratories need to be prepared for potential testing requests. At this time, federal funding is not available to provide supplies to collect specimens, therefore it is recommended that each facility check their own inventory. A list of supplies recommended is located on the NPHL website at:

<https://nphl.org/>. If supplies are not available in your inventory, consider ordering supplies to be prepared.

During assessment of a patient, use the “Identify, Isolate, Inform, Initiate Testing” method of management. <https://netec.org/2022/05/31/monkeypox-infection-prevention-controls-and-waste-management>. After identification and isolation of a possible monkeypox case, immediately contact the local health department for testing approval and if approved, subsequently notify NPHL via their 24/7 emergency pager (402) 888-5588 prior to collection.

A procedure detailing collection and transportation of specimens to test for monkeypox has been included in the document posted to the NPHL website at <https://nphl.org/>. Collection has safety measures built in, with multiple disinfection steps. Please alert all laboratory staff, infection control, emergency department, safety officials and others who may interact with patients with possible monkeypox.

As always, NPHL is ready to assist. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out at 402-559-9444 or via the 24/7 pager at 402-888-5588.