

ACL Laboratories will be transitioning specimens collected for Monkeypox virus testing from LabCorp to ARUP Laboratories, ACL's primary reference laboratory. To aid in this transition, an orderable test order code, **Orthopoxvirus by PCR (Test Order Code LAB11274)**, has been created in Epic and TEST *direct*®. This test order code will be available after **5 PM on Monday, July 25, 2022**.

Orthopoxvirus by PCR (Test Order Code LAB11274)	
Methodology	PCR- based laboratory developed test
Specimen Requirements	Lesion swab in Viral Transport Media (VTM) Also acceptable: Lesion specimen on dry swab placed in a sterile container (2 swabs required)
Specimen Transport	Frozen
Stability	Ambient: 24 hours / Refrigerated: 7 days / Frozen: 7 days
Unacceptable Conditions	Calcium alginate swab, wooden swab. Specimens without swabs.
Turnaround Time	4 days

Additional valuable information:

- Providers will no longer need to obtain preauthorization prior to ordering testing. **No additional paperwork is necessary.**
- If submitting specimens for multiple lesions, providers should place a separate Orthopoxvirus by PCR test order for each specimen.
- Specimens should continue to be **double bagged** and routed to the Illinois Central Laboratory (ICL) in Rosemont. The ICL Referral Testing Department will process and send specimens to ARUP.
- Results will be interfaced automatically from ARUP, allowing for discrete results.

Note: Monkeypox is an evolving situation; additional updates are expected. Please continue to review Test Bulletin articles for valuable information.

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