

Division of Laboratory Medicine

Virology

Mpox/Orthopox PCR

General information

Collection container (including preservatives): CE marked leak proof container.

Samples sent to laboratory in UN3373 Category B packaging.



Specimen type: Swabs (VTM)

Specimen transport: Specimens should be transported and processed as soon as possible.

Minimum volume of sample: 300µl (when in VTM)

Laboratory information

Turnaround time: Up to 8 hrs - if received by 9 am on a weekday

Up to 30 hours - if received over weekend

Clinical information

Factors known to significantly affect the results: None known

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