

Guidance on Obtaining Testing for hMPXV

Colleagues,

Community transmission of hMPXV (human monkeypox virus) within Oregon has been documented. Cases in Oregon and internationally have predominantly involved prolonged, skin-to-skin contact with others primarily in social networks in which hMPXV is circulating, including men who have sex with men.

Testing for *Orthopoxvirus* is now widely available through clinical laboratories. Oregon Health Authority does not require prior approval for testing, including that by the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory.

To decrease the potential for falsely positive test results, we ask that you consider the clinical presentation and any relevant epidemiologic risk factors as outlined in the CDC hMPXV suspect case definition, available at www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/clinicians/case-definition.html.

If you decide to test a patient, consult the following guidance on specimen collection and transport: www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/clinicians/prep-collection-specimens.html.

Please also share with suspect hMPXV patients the following guidance on home isolation: [www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASESCONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Documents/monkeypox/Patient letter tested for MPXV.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASESCONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Documents/monkeypox/Patient%20letter%20tested%20for%20MPXV.pdf).

OHA is no longer requesting reporting of suspect hMPXV cases at the time testing is ordered.

Many thanks for your assistance in this response.