

Samples for Monkey Pox

Thinking of testing a patient for MPX??
Discuss with ID and Virology prior to testing
Available via switchboard.

Print off and complete the form on page 2

See:

Use of Biohazard boxes for Non-VHF - guide with photos
document on Emibank for how to package samples **before** taking
patient samples.

Prodrome (in contacts)

Throat swab in VTM

Rash

Lesion – swab in viral transport medium (red top pink medium)

If blisters have dried – can send scab

Send alternative swab in VPSS/MSS for HSV/VZV and syphilis PCR

Swabs need to be in accordance with Cat B shipment – see below

PORTER for swabs – NOT PODS

Bloods can go in the pods.

Other samples

EDTA plasma – if systemic unwell

Send clotted blood for HIV/Syphilis antibody testing

Can be sent to lab as normal process in pod.

This Cat B shipment procedure below is for
VHF but can be adapted for swabs rather than
bloods:



Monkeypox baseline information for HPT:

Full Name

CHI number (or DOB if no CHI)

Sex:

Phone number:

Case definition met: possible or probable

Symptoms:

Symptom onset date:

Date of rash onset:

Date MPX sample sent:

Travel history (esp London):

Sexual history (including history of MSM):

Hx of contact with a known/suspected MPX case:

Isolation advice given?: Y/N

No. of people in household (any pregnant women, children, immunosuppressed).

General indication of number of close contacts since symptom onset (with main focus on sexual contacts/history, healthcare contacts and social contacts):

HPT will undertake full contact tracing once positive result is received, but are only seeking some general information as possible prior to this to help inform planning if PEP vaccination is required.

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