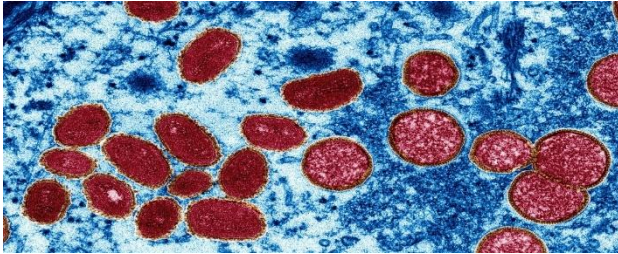


Lab Alert: Monkeypox Testing

Date: August 3, 2022

Dear Regional Pathology Services Clients,

In response to the latest news regarding monkeypox we wanted to provide clients with some information regarding monkeypox testing.



The monkeypox virus is an orthopoxvirus that is related to variola virus, which causes smallpox. Monkeypox virus causes relatively rare infections in humans. Earlier this year, countries that don't normally see monkeypox cases, including the United States, began to experience outbreaks.

The recommended process is for providers to contact their local health department first for testing at The Nebraska Public Health Laboratory. Testing cost will be covered by the state if approved. The link below includes information regarding contacting the health department, specimen collection and transport. https://nphl.org/documents/Collect%20%20Transport%20Procedure_Monkeypox%20Specimens_%20Final%2014Jul2022.pdf

A commercially available test is available for ordering beginning 08/05/22. More info for this test can be found below.

https://ltd.aruplab.com/Tests/Pub/3005716?_ga=2.82986582.1387757555.1659043684-1083859620.1588629005

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Additional resources:

<https://nphl.org/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/index.html>