



Test Bulletin



Dear Healthcare Provider,
The information contained here may be very important to your practice. Please take a moment to review this document.

Antibody ID and Antibody Titer Testing August 2022

Alverno Central Lab will discontinue performing antibody identification and antibody titer testing. Any positive antibody screens will be resulted with the test comment listed below.

Preliminary antibody screen is positive. For patient and infant safety, follow up with your local hospital (if prenatal, where the patient will deliver) for antibody identification and indicated follow-up testing.

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Soft Code

MPVQP – Monkeypox Virus DNA, Qual Real-Time PCR

Test Components

Orthopoxvirus DNA, QL PCR

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Preferred Specimen(s)

Lesion or pustule swab in BD Universal Transport Media (UTM); Alverno item #123823

Specimen Preparation

Swab the pustule/lesion vigorously and place the swab in UTM. Multiple specimens collected on a single patient should be submitted separately. Each individual specimen submitted for monkeypox virus testing should be transported in its own sealed bag.

Stability

2-8°C up to 7 days

-20°C up to 30 days

Transport Temperature

Refrigerated or frozen (preferred)

Unacceptable Conditions

- Room temperature samples
- Calcium alginate or wooden swabs