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Des Moines Laboratory Update

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Monkeypox Collections for MercyOne

Due to the first Monkeypox case in Polk County, our laboratory is receiving inquiries regarding specimen collection for this testing. If a Monkeypox case is suspected, clinicians must contact the Iowa Department of Public Health for approval **PRIOR** to specimen collection. All testing is to go directly through the State Hygienic Laboratory. At this time, **MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory will not be accepting Monkeypox collections.** Please see the attached guide for more information including reporting requirements, collection and transport, and safety.