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TO: St. Clair County Healthcare Providers, Hospital ICPs, Emergency Departments, Clinicians, OB/GYNs, Neurologists, ENT's

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MONKEYPOX TESTING BASICS:

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and SCCHD are asking providers to consult their local health department or MDHHS if Monkeypox virus (MPV) is suspected; to coordinate specimen collection and testing. Due to the often atypical presentation of MPV in this outbreak, SCCHD is encouraging clinicians to have a high level of suspicion for MPV, especially in persons with reported risk factors.

The most up-to-date guidance can be found here: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/keep-mi-healthy/communicablediseases/diseasesandimmunization/mpv>

Basics of MPV testing for specimens sent to Michigan Bureau of Labs (BOL):

- Utilize polyester, nylon, or Dacron swabs with plastic or metal shaft
- To collect, **vigorously** swab the lesion(s) preferably from two (2) different locations on the body or from lesions which differ in appearance. Two swabs from each lesion should be collected
- Swabs from the same lesion may be placed in the same container. Ensure that if swabbing multiple locations it is clearly labelled on container
- Collect a maximum of six swabs (2 swabs from three separate sites)
- Refrigerate or freeze specimen within 1 hour of collection.
- Send refrigerated swabs on cold packs, if frozen send on dry ice. Specimens sent to BOL may be shipped using Category B

There are currently 5 commercial laboratories participating in MVP testing: Labcorp, Aegis, Sonic, Quest, Mayo and the CDC. Please refer to the specific lab for their requirements.

Contact SCCHD with questions or to report suspect cases (810) 987-5300 during regular business hours. Refer to the "After Hours Emergency Contact List" or www.scchealth.co for after-hours contact.