

Criteria for testing at IDPH Laboratories are as follows:

Urgent test based on clinical picture, including but not limited to:

- severe disease (e.g. hemorrhagic disease, confluent lesions, sepsis, encephalitis, or other conditions requiring hospitalization)
- individuals with likely monkeypox infections in unusual anatomical sites (e.g. eyes or mouth)
- individuals being considered for Tecovirimat, imminently for any other clinical reason

Urgent test based on individual risk:

- those at risk of severe disease (e.g., immunocompromised, pediatric populations especially <8 years, pregnant or breastfeeding women, individuals with one or more complications)
- inability to be tested elsewhere due to expense of testing

Urgent test based on epidemiological risk:

- possible outbreaks of public health concern requiring especially prompt follow-up action, e.g., in congregate living settings (jails, homeless shelters, skilled nursing facilities, schools)
- other situation deemed by the local health department as warranting testing at the state lab