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Information Regarding Transportation /Testing of Clinical Samples for Detecting Monkeypox in the Emergency Situation

- Regional VRDL, ICMR-NICED is a designated centre for testing of Monkey pox, presently catering to the state of West Bengal and surrounding states.
(<https://ncdc.gov.in/showfile.php?lid=886>)
- Collected samples will be received at VRDL, NICED-I daily from 10 AM to 6 PM from Monday to Saturday.
- The properly collected, labelled and packaged clinical samples should be sent only after due intimation to the nodal persons of the corresponding state health departments through Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP). (www.wbhealth.gov.in).
(<https://ncdc.gov.in/showfile.php?lid=888>)
- The strategy of Monkey pox testing in India laid by DHR/ICMR/MoH&FW and updated from time to time should be followed for selection of cases.
- Each sample should be accompanied by properly filled in Case Reporting Format and clear lesion images (preferably sent to the email id : <vrdl.niced@gmail.com> ([Annexure I](#)))
- Please follow the guidelines regarding Procedures for the clinical specimen collection ([Annexure II](#)),
- Instructions on sample packaging and transport ([Annexure III](#)).
- Nodal Persons and contact details at Regional VRDL, ICMR-NICED (for any query regarding testing only):
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