



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO HEALTH AGENCY  
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
**PROVIDER HEALTH ADVISORY**

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**Submit Monkeypox (MPX) Specimens from Pediatric Patients to SLO County Public Health Laboratory to Expedite Results**

**For specimens of suspect pediatric cases:**

Please send any specimens for suspected monkeypox (MPX) infection in patients under age 18 to the San Luis Obispo County Public Health Laboratory (SLOPHL) rather than to commercial labs. This request is at the direction of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

SLOPHL testing is also available to assess other viral causes of rash in patients, though separate collection is required. See our poxvirus [Specimen Collection & Transport Instructions](#) for more detail. Our instructions, as well as other testing information, can be found online at [slocounty.ca.gov/lab-news](http://slocounty.ca.gov/lab-news).

**To report suspected cases and for consultation on testing approach:**

**Call the San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department as soon as possible.** Call 805-781-5500 (M-F, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.) or 805-781-4553 (weekends and after hours).

**For more information on MPX:**

- SLO County Public Health MPX Information: [slocounty.ca.gov/mpx](http://slocounty.ca.gov/mpx)
- SLO County Public Health Laboratory testing information: [slocounty.ca.gov/lab-news](http://slocounty.ca.gov/lab-news)
- CDPH MPX page: [www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/monkeypox.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/monkeypox.aspx)
- CDC MPX Information for Healthcare Professionals: <http://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/clinicians/index.html>

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