

**Annex 1:** type of samples collected from house contacts and lactating women

<b>Person</b>	<b>Type of sample</b>	<b>Purpose/goal of collection</b>	<b>Timing of collection</b>
Household contact suspected of mpox	skin lesion samples, such as swabs of lesion surfaces, exudates, or lesion crusts	Laboratory confirmation of mpox	As soon as a skin rash appears
Household contacts aged 2 years and above who remain asymptomatic for mpox	Blood	To assess the serological status and dynamics of mpox antibodies.	Two samples will be collected: the first one at the time of enrollment or as soon as possible after enrolment; and at the 3 <sup>rd</sup> visit, at least 21 days after the first sample
Lactating women	Breast milk	To assess the expression of MPXV material in breastmilk	Weekly, at most three times, if breast milk is positive (PCR), at most twice, if two consecutive negative samples