



Suspected Monkeypox Exposure Disinfection Recommendations for Non-Healthcare Settings

Immediate disinfection of exposed areas is recommended whenever a suspected or confirmed case is identified as having been present during their infectious period. A person is considered infectious from the start of symptoms (including early flu-like symptoms and prior to rash) until the rash is healed.

1. Personal Protective Equipment to be worn during cleaning/disinfection
 - a. Latex or other medically appropriate gloves
 - i. Do not use fabric, leather, polyvinyl food handler-type gloves, or any type of reusable glove
 - b. Well-fitting mask or respirator
 - i. Do not use cloth face coverings
 - c. Designated clothing that can be disposed of or laundered
2. Perform hand hygiene with alcohol-based hand sanitizer after cleaning and disinfection (after removing gloves).
3. Do not dry dust/sweep
 - a. Vacuuming is acceptable with high-efficiency air filter. Person performing vacuuming should wear well-fitting mask or respirator.
4. For hard, non-porous surfaces (including non-porous vehicle interiors), disinfect area with [EPA List Q](#) product.
 - a. Follow manufacturer's directions.
 - b. Ensure to disinfect high-frequency touch points (door knobs, light switches, handrails, etc.)
5. For dishes, eating utensils, etc. wash in dishwasher with detergent and hot water (or hot water and dish soap if washing by hand).
6. For upholstered, porous surfaces (including porous car interiors) with direct skin contact or excessive drainage of fluids from rashes, consider steam cleaning. If no direct skin contact, disinfect with surface-appropriate disinfectant.
7. Trash can be bagged, sealed, and disposed of normally.

Notes:

1. Remember to assess all locations where suspected case may have been present, including restrooms, breakrooms, or other common areas.
2. After disinfection, clothing can be laundered in washing machine with detergent following label instructions. Laundry sanitizers may be used but are not necessary.
3. Items and surfaces not in contact with the suspected case do not need to be disinfected (items within closed drawers, etc.)

[Disinfecting Home and Other Non-Healthcare Settings | Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC](#)