

## Cleaning and Disinfection reference document for Monkeypox

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provide guidance on Infection Prevention and Control of Monkeypox in Healthcare Settings: [Infection Control: Healthcare Settings | Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC](#)

- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):**

- All healthcare personnel who enter the patient's room should wear gown, gloves, eye protection (i.e. goggles or face shield that covers the front and sides of the face), and a NIOSH-approved respirator such as an N95 or PAPR.

- **Disinfection:**

- Standard cleaning and disinfection procedures should be performed using an EPA-registered hospital-grade disinfectant with an emerging viral pathogen (EVP) claim. Products with [Emerging Viral Pathogens claims](#) may be found on EPA's [List Q](#).
- Products that are on the EVP list and are available at Premier Health include:

Manufacturer	Product Name
Diversey Inc	Oxivir™ Wipe
Clorox	Bleach Wipe
Diversey Inc	Avert Sporicidal Wipe
Metrex	Cavi Wipe

Be sure to follow the manufacturer's directions for contact time and care and handling (i.e. use of gloves when using).

- Activities such as dry dusting, sweeping, or vacuuming should be avoided. Wet cleaning methods are preferred. No fans should be used.

- **Waste management:**

- Waste management includes the handling, storage, treatment, and disposal of soiled PPE, patient dressings, etc.
- Waste contaminated with the monkeypox virus should be managed as Regulated Medical Waste (RMW) in the same manner as other potentially infectious medical waste (e.g. soiled dressings, contaminated sharps).

- **Soiled Laundry:**

- Soiled laundry (e.g., bedding, towels, personal clothing) should be handled in accordance with standard practices, avoiding contact with lesion material that may be present on the laundry. Soiled laundry should be gently and promptly contained in an appropriate laundry bag and never be shaken or handled in manner that may disperse infectious material.
- Reference: [Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control in Health-Care Facilities \(cdc.gov\)](#)