

Household Cleaning and Disinfection Guidance for Mpox (Monkeypox)

- ✓ If cleaning and disinfection is done by someone other than the person with monkeypox, that person should wear, at a minimum, disposable medical gloves and a respirator or well-fitting mask.
- ✓ While cleaning and disinfecting, wear clothing that fully covers the skin. That clothing should be immediately laundered according to the recommendations listed below.
- ✓ Hand hygiene should be performed using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer or soap and water.
- ✓ Focus on disinfecting items and surfaces that were in direct contact with the skin of the person with monkeypox, or often in the presence of the person with monkeypox, during isolation. If unsure, disinfect.
- ✓ Wet cleaning methods are preferred such as disinfectant wipes, sprays, and mopping. Vacuuming is acceptable when using a vacuum with a high-efficiency air filter. If not available, ensure the person vacuuming wears a well-fitting mask or respirator.

Clean and disinfect households in the following order:

- 1 General waste containment
- 2 Collect and contain in a sealed bag any soiled waste such as bandages, paper towels, food packaging, and other general trash items.
- 3 Laundry
 - Gather contaminated clothing and linens before anything else in the room is cleaned. Do not shake the linens as this could spread infectious particles.
- 4 Hard surfaces and household items
 - Use an EPA-registered disinfectant and follow instructions
- 5 Upholstered furniture and other soft furnishing
- 6 Carpet and flooring
- 7 Waste disposal
- 8 **Do not** dry dust or sweep as this may spread infectious particles.

