Monkeypox Preparedness Checklist for Healthcare Facilities

Screening and Communication

- ❏ Share situational awareness with all staff
- ❏ Provide education (e.g., rash identification) to clinicians
- ❏ Review triage procedures to ensure timely identification and appropriate isolation of suspect cases
- ❏ Designate points of contact responsible for:
    - ❏ Communicating with the local health department (e.g., Infection Prevention)
    - ❏ Providing internal updates to healthcare personnel and volunteers

Isolation Precautions, Supplies, and Testing

- ❏ Review infection prevention protocols for alignment with CDC guidance
- ❏ Ensure availability of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and supplies
- ❏ Train, audit, and provide feedback on staff compliance with core IPC practices (e.g., hand hygiene, PPE donning and doffing)
- ❏ Review specimen collection, transport, and testing procedures

Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection, Linen Management

- ❏ Review environmental cleaning procedures, ensuring that the facility has an EPA-registered hospital-grade disinfectant with an emerging viral pathogen claim (List Q)
- ❏ Handle soiled laundry in accordance with recommended standard practices and CDC guidance.

Waste Management

- ❏ Prepare a waste management plan to handle, store, treat, and dispose of patient waste (soiled PPE, patient dressings, etc.) as regulated medical waste in accordance with U.S. Department of Transportation Hazardous Materials Regulations and state and local regulations

Healthcare Personnel Risk Assessment and Monitoring

- ❏ Ensure staff vaccination records are up-to-date and accessible
- ❏ Review procedures for screening and monitoring of potentially exposed or ill staff

References

- ● CDC Infection Prevention and Control of Monkeypox in Healthcare Settings
- ● CDC Preparation and Collection of Specimens
- ● EPA Disinfectants for Emerging Viral Pathogens List Q
- ● VDH Assessing and Managing Exposed Healthcare Personnel Risk Assessment Tool