

# Mpox 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](#). Follow [CDC recommendations](#) for safe specimen collection including not unroofing or aspirating lesions using sharp instruments during mpox lesion specimen collection.

## *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 COCA Now: Important Safety Information for Mpox Specimen Collection and Infection Control](#)
- [CDC Infection Prevention and Control of Mpox 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](#)