

**Cleaning Guidance for  
General Environments  
in Response to Monkeypox  
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This guidance document provides recommendations on cleaning and disinfecting general workspaces when there has been a suspected or confirmed case of Monkeypox. It is aimed at limiting the survival of Monkeypox in general environments, such as offices. Information on cleaning and considerations for environments in the Arts and Athletic facilities is made available at the end of this document. These recommendations will be updated as additional information becomes available. More information about Monkeypox is available on the [UCI Forward](#) website.

### General Recommendations

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; if soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, especially after contact with high touch areas (e.g. doorknobs, going to the restroom; commonly share spaces, before eating, etc.). If hands are not visibly soiled, alcohol-based hand sanitizer can be used to clean hands.
- If you feel ill, have suspicious skin bumps or rash, stay home from work, seek medical evaluation, and notify your supervisor.
- Practice situational awareness and immediately report potential exposures to supervisor.
- See CDC guidelines to protect yourself from Monkeypox:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/prevention/protect-yourself.html>

### Recommendations for Routine Surface Cleaning

Disposable gloves should be used while using cleaning and disinfecting agents. Doff and dispose of them promptly after use. Follow standard cleaning procedures **AND** follow the manufacturer's instructions while using cleaning and disinfection products. Follow instructions for appropriate product concentration, application method, contact time, and increase the frequency of cleaning in commonly used areas to at least once a day and as needed. Use disinfecting wipes on commonly used surfaces and wipe down before and after use. When not available, spray disinfectant on paper towel and wipe down surface.

Commonly used areas include:

- Tabletops/Countertops
- Electronic equipment & appliances (e.g., copiers or scanners, AV keyboards & mouse, pointing devices), phones
- Water dispenser/fountains
- All other commonly used surfaces
- Railings
- Doorknobs and handles (common areas, restroom handles)
- Telephones and headsets
- Light switches and plates

**Cleaning frequency:** It is recommended that you clean your office space and surfaces not ordinarily cleaned by campus custodial staff once a day.

**For Electronics:** Use alcohol-based wipes with at least 70% alcohol. When not available, spray disinfectant on paper towel and wipe down surface.

**To ensure cleaning of suspected or confirmed positive Monkeypox case:**

Contact FM Services desk at (949) 824-5444 or at [fm-servicedesk@uci.edu](mailto:fm-servicedesk@uci.edu) to submit a request to clean and disinfect the space. FM will coordinate with EHS to evaluate the next steps and reach out to the requestor.

The space should be scheduled for cleaning and disinfection as soon as possible after the suspected or confirmed case is identified.

**Studio, Dance and Performance Venue Cleaning Considerations:****Cleaning Considerations for Arts and Athletics, Shared Studios and Equipment:**

- Encourage individuals to cover exposed skin when in the studio, gym or using shared equipment.
- Sanitize dance flooring, shared equipment, etc. by spraying a disinfectant with 60-70% ethanol or isopropyl alcohol.
- It is recommended that floors be cleaned once a day, as usual, followed by a sanitization using a disinfectant. If using a mop pad, wash with bleach in a washing machine between uses.
- Disinfect floors and shared equipment prior to every class or rehearsal.

**Performance Venue Recommendations (including athletic, theater and other events):**

- Establish clear cleaning protocols for equipment, rooms, and surfaces.
  - Include sanitizing and equipment wipe down after use.
- Offer hand sanitizer to audiences/visitors, staff, and artists.
- Encourage patrons to wear more clothing to cover exposed skin.
- On a frequent basis during a performance, clean restrooms and wipe down high-touch surfaces.
- Prohibit touching of exhibits.
- In places where payments need to occur, such as concession stands, no-contact payment platforms could be used. Theaters may plan to transition away from paper tickets and move as many audience communication materials as possible (i.e. programs) to a digital format.
- Reduce the use of shared objects and surfaces.

**Resources:**

CDC Information on Monkeypox <https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/index.html>

Contact EHS at (949) 824-6200 or at [safety@uci.edu](mailto:safety@uci.edu) for additional assistance.