# Overview:

Monkeypox is an emerging viral disease, but the risk of infection in the workplace is very low. Monkeypox is typically spread by skin-to-skin contact with rash lesions, and by contact with contaminated clothing, linens, and other objects used by an infected person. Review general monkeypox information in the links below to better understand what monkeypox is, how it spreads, and how to protect yourself. Some precautions are considered here for Facilities Services custodians.

# Instructions:

Review the “*Task Description”* and *“Type of Hazard”* questions, then follow the “*Type of Control”* recommendations.

# Additional Information:

[EH&S Monkeypox Information](https://ehs.berkeley.edu/news/monkeypox-awareness-and-safety-information-uc-berkeley-employees)

[UHS Monkeypox Information](https://uhs.berkeley.edu/monkeypox-information)

[CDC Monkeypox Information](https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/index.html)

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| 1. **Restroom Cleaning** | **Contact with contaminated surfaces**  Toilet seats, appliance handles, door handles, etc. | 1. PPE including: disposable gloves, uniform with long-sleeved shirt, face covering, safety glasses 2. Surface disinfection with approved disinfectant (can be same one used for COVID-19 or other from [EPA List Q](https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/disinfectants-emerging-viral-pathogens-evps-list-q)) |
| 1. **Waste Handling** | **Dispersion of shedded lesions**  Waste containers may contain items that have been in contact with an infected person’s skin. | 1. Do not shake waste containers 2. Seal trash bags before handling them 3. PPE including: disposable gloves, uniform with long-sleeved shirt, face covering, safety glasses |
| **3. General Facility Cleaning**  **3. General Facility Cleaning (Continued)** | **Dry Sweeping, Dusting, Vacuuming**  Airborne dispersion of infected particles during dry methods of cleaning. Not a significant hazard in the workplace outside of isolation housing and healthcare facilities.  **Dispersion of shedded lesions in soiled linens/clothing/fabrics**  Exposure risks may come from handling linen/clothing/fabrics left behind from unknown sources | 1. Use wet-cleaning methods that avoid creating airborne particles, e.g. mopping, spray wipe, damp cloth, etc. 2. Use vacuums equipped with HEPA filters 3. PPE including: disposable gloves, uniform with long-sleeved shirt, face covering, safety glasses 4. Do not disturb unknown articles left behind by others if possible. 5. When handling fabrics, do not shake them 6. If linens/clothing/fabrics will be thrown away, put them in a plastic trash bag, seal it, and put it in a landfill container. 7. Wear PPE including: disposable gloves, uniform with long-sleeved shirt, face covering, safety glasses 8. Use wet-cleaning methods such as mopping, surface sprays, damp cloths, etc. 9. Disinfect potentially contaminated surfaces with approved disinfectant from [EPA List Q](https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/disinfectants-emerging-viral-pathogens-evps-list-q). |
| **4. Surface Cleaning with Microfiber Towels** | **Dispersion of shedded lesions and contact with contaminated surfaces**  Reusable microfiber towels may be used to wipe potentially contaminated surfaces that contain shedded monkeypox lesions. | 1. Do not shake soiled towels 2. Wet towel or surface prior to wiping 3. Use approved disinfectants (see [EPA List Q](https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/disinfectants-emerging-viral-pathogens-evps-list-q)) 4. PPE including: disposable gloves, uniform with long-sleeved shirt, face covering, safety glasses 5. Place used towels inside a closed bag until ready to wash 6. Wash towels in laundry machine after use, or use a professional linen service company 7. Wash hands after finishing work |
| **End of Task List**  Page remains to add new tasks as they arise. |  |  |