

# Healthcare Facility Guidance

## Mpox Infection Control Checklist

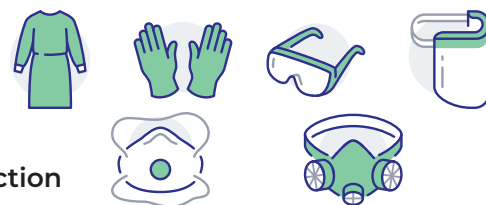
### PATIENT PRECAUTIONS

- ❑ Have suspect patient wear a mask and cover any exposed skin lesions prior to arrival
- ❑ Do not place suspect patient in general waiting area, bring patient directly back to exam room
- ❑ Place suspect patient directly into a closed, single-person room. Special air handling is not required.

### HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL PRECAUTIONS

- ❑ Prior to seeing a suspect patient, healthcare personnel should don:

- Disposable gown
- Gloves
- Eye protection
- N95 or higher-level respirator mask
- Pregnant or immune compromised staff should avoid interaction with suspect patients



- ❑ See **Sequence for Donning and Doffing Personal Protective Equipment.**

### ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING

- ❑ Standard cleaning and disinfection procedures should be performed using an EPA-registered healthcare-grade disinfectant with an emerging viral pathogen claim. Products with Emerging Viral Pathogens claims may be found on **EPA's List Q**. Follow the manufacturer's directions for concentration, contact time, and care and handling.
- ❑ Dry dusting, sweeping, and fans should be avoided, wet cleaning methods are preferred
- ❑ All waste, including PPE, should be managed as regulated medical waste in the same manner as other potentially infectious medical waste (e.g. soiled dressings, bloodborne pathogens, contaminated sharps).

Providers should report any suspect cases to the NM Department of Health by calling the **24/7/365 EPIDEMIOLOGY HOTLINE** at:

**(505) 827-0006**

- ⇒ **Testing is now available through several commercial clinical laboratories** including Quest Diagnostics, LabCorp, and Aegis Science. Refer to their respective client websites for instructions on specimen collection and submission. **Patients cannot go to a client service center (draw site) for specimen collection, specimens must be collected by the clinician for submission to the lab.**
- ⇒ Human to human transmission of monkeypox occurs by **direct contact with lesions and lesion material or exposure to respiratory secretions** though prolonged close face-to-face interactions with an infected person, not casual contact.
- ⇒ Advise patients waiting for test results to **isolate at home, avoid contact with others and monitor their symptoms.**

For more information, visit: [www.nmhealth.org/about/phd/idb/mpv](http://www.nmhealth.org/about/phd/idb/mpv)