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Guidance for Monkeypox Prevention at Hotel/Motels

There is currently an outbreak of Monkeypox in the United States and in California. In light of the potential for infectious persons to stay in hotels/motels or bed and breakfast facilities in Solano County, this guidance is issued to decrease the risk of transmissions to cleaning staff.

Monkeypox is a rare disease caused by infection with the monkeypox virus. Monkeypox is rarely fatal. The current outbreak in the United States has not caused any deaths and does not pose a risk to the general public. Symptoms usually start within 2 weeks of exposure to the virus. Initial symptoms are similar to flu (fever, headache, fatigue, swollen lymph nodes), followed by a rash and sores that look similar to herpes sores. The rash or sores may be located on or near the genitals or anus but could also be on other areas like the hands, feet, chest, or face.

Monkeypox is typically transmitted through prolonged, close personal skin-to-skin contact (such as sex or kissing) or sharing bedding with a person with symptoms consistent with monkeypox. It may also be potentially transmitted by touching items (such as clothing or linens) that may still contain infectious viral particles or inhaling viral particles resuspended in the air when cleaning a space used by an infected person. While cases have yet to be confirmed through this mode of transmission the following will minimize the risk:

- **Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.**
- **Do not handle or touch used bedding, towels, or clothing without gloves.**
 - **Standard cleaning and disinfection procedures should be performed using an EPA-registered hospital-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.
 - Soiled laundry (e.g., bedding, towels, personal clothing) should be handled in accordance with standard practices, avoiding contact with lesion material that may be present on the laundry. **Soiled laundry should be gently and promptly contained in an appropriate laundry bag and never be shaken or handled in manner that may disperse infectious material.**
 - Normal laundering practices may be followed after affected laundry has been placed to wash.
- **Wear gloves and surgical grade masks while cleaning transient housing and handling linens.**

Any Hotel/Motel/Bed and Breakfast needing assistance in procuring gloves and masks (PPE) for their staff, can reach out to the Medical and Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC) by calling (707) 784-8155 during regular business hours or emailing hssresponds@solanocounty.com.