

PREVENTING MPOX SPREAD

CHECKLIST FOR SEX-ON-PREMISES VENUES & RELATED BUSINESSES

This guidance is for owners, managers and staff of sex-on-premises venues such as bathhouses, sex clubs, dark rooms and video booths. The guidance can also be used by strip clubs, bars, night clubs, and related businesses where sexual activities may occur, as well as people who host private sex parties.

Self-Screening

- Staff and patrons should screen themselves for symptoms before entering the premises.
- Post symptom self-screening signage at entrances.
- Anyone with symptoms should self-isolate and contact a health care provider.

Prevention & Vaccination

- Display posters and information about preventing MPOX spread.
- Encourage eligible staff and patrons to get vaccinated for MPOX.

Hand Washing & Sanitizing

- Encourage staff and patrons to clean their hands upon arriving on premises and throughout the day.
- Place hand sanitizer (70–90% alcohol concentration) near entrances and high-traffic areas.
- Ensure an adequate supply of liquid soap and paper towels in washrooms.
- Post hand washing and sanitizing posters.

Cleaning & Disinfection

- In addition to general cleaning, regularly clean and disinfect:
 - Frequently touched objects and surfaces, especially between uses.
 - Surfaces, such as benches, chairs, walls, gloryholes, beds and sofas, that might be in contact with people's skin, saliva or other body fluids.
- Increase routine cleaning at least hourly or more frequently during busy periods.
- Wear appropriate PPE such as disposable gloves, aprons, and a mask when cleaning. Hands should be cleaned before and after putting on and taking off PPE.



- First use a cleaner, such as soap and water. Then use a disinfectant to kill germs. Specialist cleaning services are not required.
- Check product expiry dates and always follow manufacturer instructions. In order to be effective, disinfectants must be left on surfaces for the time indicated on the instructions.
- Ensure adequate ventilation when using products (e.g. open windows, doors, or use fans).
- Floors should be wet mopped rather than swept or dry mopped, which can disperse virus particles. If vacuuming, use a vacuum with a high-efficiency air filter.
- Waste such as tissues, condoms and used PPE should be placed in a bag and thrown out in the regular garbage. Double bagging garbage can be considered for extra protection.

Laundry

- Wash clothes, towels, linens and other fabric using regular detergents. Laundry sanitizers can be used but are not necessary.
- Use the laundry machine's hot water cycle, or the warmest setting possible. When drying laundry use the hottest possible setting.
- Clean and disinfect any surfaces that come into contact with laundry such as tables and baskets.
- Avoid shaking or handling laundry in a way that could disperse the virus. For example, used bedding and linens should be carefully lifted and rolled into a ball.
- Use proper PPE, such as masks and disposable gloves, when handling laundry.

For more information visit [Toronto.ca/MPOX](https://toronto.ca/MPOX)

Resources:

UK Health Security Agency. (2022). [Monkeypox: Cleaning Sex-on-Premises Venues](#).

Centres for Disease Control. (2022). [Disinfection of the Home and NonHealthcare Settings](#).