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- Dry the area and remaining items and surfaces
 - Evaluate the success of drying and look for residual moisture in structural materials (Moisture-detection devices [e.g., moisture meters] or borescopes could be used in this evaluation.)
 - Remove and replace structural materials if they cannot be dried out within 48 hours

4. Inspect, Repair, Disinfect where Appropriate, or Replace Facility Infrastructure. Include:

- HVAC system (motors, duct work, filters, insulation)
- Water system (cold and hot water, sewer drainage, steam delivery, chillers, boilers)
- Steam sources (if piped in from other places, e.g., utility companies, it will impact autoclaves)
- Electrical system (wiring, lighting, paging and patient call systems, emergency generators, fire alarms)
- Electronic communication systems (telephones, paging and resident call systems, computers)
- Medical gas system
- Hazardous chemicals/radioactive storage

5. General Inventory of Areas with Water and Wind Damage

- What furniture can be salvaged? Discard wet porous furniture that cannot be dried and disinfected (including particle board furniture). Disinfect furniture with non-porous surfaces and salvage. Discard upholstered furniture, drapery, and mattresses if they have been under water or have mold growth or odor. Discard all items with questionable integrity or mold damage
- What supplies can be salvaged? Salvage linens and curtains following adequate laundering. Salvage pre-packaged supplies in paper wraps that are not damaged or exposed to water or extreme moisture, or in a molded environment. Discard items if there is any question about integrity or mold exposure. Dry essential paper files and records (professional conservators may be contacted for assistance)
- Electrical medical equipment. Check motors, wiring, and insulation for damage. Inspect equipment for moisture damage. Clean and disinfect equipment following manufacturer's instructions. Do not connect wet electronic equipment to electricity
- Structures. Inspect, repair, or replace wallboard, ceiling tiles, and flooring. Repair, replace, and clean damaged structures

6. Review Issues for Reopening Facilities

- Requirements needed prior to opening a facility: potable water, adequate sewage disposal, adequate waste and medical waste management
- Have all areas to be opened been thoroughly dried out, repaired, and cleaned?
- Does the number of air exchanges in areas of the facility meet recommended standards?
- Are negative-pressure rooms functioning properly?