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## 1 - Handling Infectious Laundry Items – Transportation

Any items that have been retrieved from an isolation or quarantined room of a PUI, AGE person or that contain any bodily fluids are considered to be “infectious” due to their potential of causing spread of known and unknown viral illnesses which may cross contaminate and increase risk of outbreak. To mitigate the chances of potential viral spread and cross-contamination, Hit Squad members and laundry personnel must wear appropriate PPE at all times when handling infectious items to be laundered.



Infectious items are to be first placed in a water soluble bag, trying to keep whites with whites and colours with colours if possible. The water soluble bag must then be sealed. The bags typically have a red tie to assist. If there are a lot of solids in the spillage then the items must go to the incinerator and not the laundry as this will cause residue and blockages in the washing machines.



The water soluble bag must then be placed into the yellow linen transportation bag. The yellow linen bag must be sprayed with Peroxide Multi Surface Cleaner and Disinfectant before leaving the area. The bag must be taken directly to the laundry in the most direct route with minimal contact.

Once in the laundry the bag must be placed in the Infectious Laundry Bin / Trolley. The Bin / Trolley are clearly labelled **OPRP ONLY** and **red** in colour.

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Each vessel shall have 1 bin except SP/SM/MO/DA who shall have 2 bins each. PPE may be removed and hands must be thoroughly washed for at least 20 seconds in warm water. Log PH 103 must be completed with information of the origin of the items.

## 2 – Processing Infectious Laundry Items

The Washman or laundry Master who shall handle the infectious items must wear proper PPE including surgical mask, gloves and apron. The yellow bag shall be removed from the bin / trolley and the water soluble bag shall be put directly into the washing machine. A temperature stick will be placed with the laundry in the machine. The machine shall be set to 71C or 160F. The temperature shall be recorded at the end of the laundry process in Log PH103.



## 3 – Dedicated OPRP ( Infectious Items) Washing Machine Maintenance

It is important that the D&V machine has a set of readily available Peroxide Multisurface Cleaner and Disinfectant for disinfecting the machine immediately after use. Particular attention must be paid to the control buttons and the door handle where there is the most contact. The inside drum must be checked for any debris. The machine then must run on it's highest cycle to be disinfected on the inside.

If it is noted that the machine does not reach the maximum possible temperature then the machine must be checked by the maintenance department. Any issues with soap dispensing must be checked with Ecolab.

At all times – follow the guidance of the Infection Prevention and Outbreak Management Manual and the vessel's specific sanitation level.