

Laundry Procedures During Increased Pathogen Risk.

In the event that you see a patient who has signs of flu symptoms, or express concern of being exposed to COVID-19 after they have already had a gown on, we would ask that you handle that gown, towels and/or blankets that the patient may have been in contact with as follows:



1. Keep those potentially contaminated products separate from the other laundry
2. Secure the contaminated products in a red bag
3. Place the red bag in with the double bagged laundry

Any laundry that is in red bags, or has potential contamination, should be washed separately as followed:

1. Use hottest water setting allowable for fabric
2. Use bleach, when able, by fabric type

When handling the red bag laundry, ensure you are wearing proper PPE as follows:

- Gloves
- N95 masks
- Face protection

Due to the potential of short supplies, (including bleach) and/or the possibility of staff shortages to process laundry, clinics should consider ordering a safety stock of paper gowns.