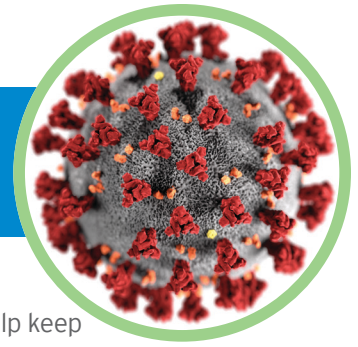


Coronavirus (COVID-19) Action Plan



Public health officials have identified a new coronavirus (COVID-19). Focusing on standard infection prevention practices, training, and compliance in Commercial Healthcare Laundry processing will help keep your employees and customers safe. Together, we can help combat the spread of COVID-19.

What infection prevention methods should I follow in a Commercial Healthcare Laundry facility?

- All linens in a Commercial Healthcare Laundry plant should be treated as if they are contaminated and universal handling precautions need to be followed.
- Avoid touching nose, mouth, eyes, face while handling contaminated linens; wash hands with soap and water properly and often, use Ecolab approved alcohol based hand sanitizers if soap and water is not available. Wear all PPE to protect employees from exposure.
- Proper separation/barriers should be in place between clean and soiled linen in the plant and throughout the transportation process.
- All hard surfaces touching soiled and clean linens should be disinfected regularly with an EPA registered hard surface disinfectant with the proper claim covering Coronavirus.
- Linens should be washed in a wash formula following CDC recommended guidelines for contaminated healthcare linens; time/temperature or time/temperature/antimicrobial intervention (laundry disinfectant)¹.
- Increase employee training on proper hand washing, proper donning and doffing of PPE.

TAKE ACTION

What can I do in my commercial laundry facility?



Contact your Ecolab service representative to discuss best practices and set up time to refresh staff on proper infection prevention protocols.



Utilize proper laundering practices: use CDC guidelines for laundering healthcare linens¹ (and an Ecolab best practice recommendation is to disinfect all linens), handle all soiled linens with universal precautions.



Ensure employee health and hygiene practices are in place and maintained, including utilization of PPE and proper handwashing procedures.



Properly clean and disinfect all hard surfaces that touch clean and soiled linen with an EPA registered hard surface disinfectant per label instructions.



Maintain a proper separation between soiled and clean linens in the plant and protect clean linens through the transportation process to the healthcare facility.

Protect yourself and others.

Make sure you and others around you follow good respiratory hygiene practices, which include properly covering your nose and mouth when sneezing / coughing, and staying home when feeling ill. Increase space between persons, especially those that are ill. Follow the direction of your local health authority.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Ecolab: ecolab.com/coronavirus

CDC: cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html

WHO: who.int/health-topics/coronavirus

EPA: content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USAEOAOPPT/bulletins/278c716

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/pdf/guidelines/environmental-guidelines-P.pdf>

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