

# Linen and Laundry Tips



### DO:

- Follow site policies and procedures about the collection, transport, handling, washing and drying, and changing of linen.
- Wear gloves when handling dirty linen/laundry.
  - If there is a possibility of splashing on your clothing, also wear a gown.
- Wrap wet laundry in a dry sheet or towel before placing it in a laundry bag.
- Be careful of sharps when collecting dirty linen/laundry. Handle items from the corners so you can see what you are touching.
- Handle soiled laundry carefully so that you don't spread germs in the air which can land on surfaces, clients and other workers.
- Provide clients with laundry soap and instructions about how to safely use laundry equipment (for settings where clients are expected to launder their own items on site).
- Ensure that clients have a dedicated space to store dirty laundry.
- Educate clients about not sharing clothing and linens with other clients to reduce the spread of germs.
- Remove feces from linen/laundry with a gloved hand and place the feces into a toilet or garbage bag. Bag items immediately.
- Wash re-usable laundry bags before they are used again.

### DO NOT:

- Sort or pre-rinse dirty linen/laundry in non-laundry facilities (e.g., in a bathroom).
- Walk around with dirty linen/laundry as this can spread germs. Immediately place in the nearest dirty laundry container.
- Wash linen/laundry and environmental cleaning items (e.g., mop heads, cleaning cloths) together in the same cycle.
- Store clean and dirty linen/laundry together.
- Overfill linen bags. You should be able to securely tie the bag closed.
- Shake out dirty linen/laundry. This can spread germs in the air which can land on surfaces, clients and other workers.

