

Appendix G: Laundering Procedures

- Gloves should be worn when handling dirty linens. Perform hand hygiene before applying gloves and immediately after removing.
- Disposable gloves should be discarded after every use.
- Reusable gloves should be dedicated only for cleaning and disinfection and should not be used for any other purpose.
- Do not shake dirty laundry, as shaking may disperse germs through the air.
- Remove and dispose of residue on the laundry into the garbage (e.g., dirt, food) or toilet (e.g., feces). Pre-clean/treat residue stains prior to laundering.
- Do not carry dirty laundry near the body, as this may cause accidental contamination. Dirty laundry should be handled at arm's length.
- Launder in accordance with dirty-to-clean workflow.
- Launder items in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Launder items using the hottest appropriate water and dryer settings for the items.
- Store clean and dirty linen separately, which includes laundry hampers.
- Clean and disinfect clothes hamper. If possible, use a liner that is either disposable or can be laundered.
- Personal items with fecal matter should not be laundered but sent home in a plastic bag. Store safely and securely, out of reach of young children.