

COVID-19 LINEN/UNIFORM CLEANING & DECONTAMINATION PROCEDURES

All employees should maintain spare clean work uniforms at their place of work, so that potentially contaminated uniforms can be exchanged upon return to quarters or deployment facilities. GMR ground employees are encouraged to carry a spare uniform in the unit to facilitate rapid change-out when necessary.

Applicability:

- Employees engaged in the treatment or transportation of known or potentially infectious patients.

Supplies:

- Preferred EPA Registered agent proven to kill SARS-CoV-2 (SARS associated Coronavirus), such as McKesson's PRO-TECH RTU (2-minute kill for SARS).

NOTE: Bleach solutions are NOT approved for use on GMR Air Helmets.

Effective products in Basware:

- Item #484484 CLEANER/DISINFECTANT, PRO-TECH RTU 32oz W/SPR (12/CS)
- Item #484483 CLEANER/DISINFECTANT, PRO-TECH RTU 1GL LF (4/CS)

General Linen/Uniform Laundering Procedures

- Avoid agitating or shaking linen/uniforms to prevent aerosolizing potentially contaminated lint particles.
- Use disposable or washable liners in laundry hampers.
- Regularly clean and disinfect laundry hampers.
- Launder items as appropriate in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
 - Use laundry detergent according to manufacturer recommendations.
 - Note using too much laundry detergent can trap potentially infectious particles.
 - If possible, launder items using the warmest appropriate water setting.
 - Completely dry items on the highest recommended heat setting.
 - White shop towels/rags can be laundered using bleach according to manufacturer recommendations.
 - Note: gel bleach is recommended to reduce risk of splashing.
- Wash or sanitize hands after placing items in washing machine and after transferring items to the dryer.
- Washer & dryer surfaces in contact with hands and laundry should be cleaned and disinfected regularly.

Contaminated Linens/Uniforms/Coats/Helmets

Contaminated linens/uniforms known to be or visibly contaminated with blood or other potentially infectious material will be cleaned at a GMR facility (air or ground base) or through an appropriate vendor contracted service.

- Use gloves and face shields/goggles when laundering linens or uniforms contaminated with blood or other potentially infectious materials.

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- Place contaminated linens or uniforms in a yellow melt-away bag for laundering per general guidelines above. (Note: Do not use red biohazard bag for linen unless intended for permanent disposal.)
- Clean washer and dryer handles and surfaces according to proper cleaning and disinfection procedures after contact with items or contaminated hands/gloves.
- Doff PPE according to doffing procedures.
- Wash or sanitize hands.

Uniforms

Uniforms not visibly contaminated with blood or other potentially infectious materials may be laundered normally at home.

Recommendations for Home Laundering of Uniforms:

- Remove uniforms before leaving the workplace.
- Place uniform in bag to prevent contact with other items such as clothing, duffle bags etc. DO NOT transport uniforms from the workplace in red biohazard bags.
- Use General Uniform Laundering Procedures above.

Flight Helmets

- Remove gross contaminants or heavy soil from shell and strap surfaces prior to the application of the Pro-tech ready to use disinfectant (RTU) (see effective products section for item#). Hold container six to eight inches from surface to be treated. Spray area until it is covered with the solution. Allow product to remain on the helmet surface for 3 minutes (for Blood borne Pathogens: allow surface to remain wet for 5 minutes). No scrubbing is necessary. Wipe off with a clean cloth.
- Clean visors with lint-free cloth dampened with a 70 % solution of isopropyl alcohol.
- Insertable Helmet liners are washed in the same fashion as linens and uniforms and allowed to air dry.
- Styrene liners can be cleaned with a mild detergent and cloth and disinfected with the Pro-Tech RTU product.