

To: All Staff

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Re: **Bulletin#4d – COVID-19-Uniforms & Surgical Scrubs**

The Current IP&C COVID -19 Guidance document advises HCWs regarding the type of PPE required when providing care to patients with suspect or confirmed COVID-19. At this time guidelines do not indicate that surgical scrubs are required.

HCWs who are concerned should plan to change out of their uniform prior to leaving the health care facility. Uniforms can be placed in a plastic bag for transport.

IP&C guidelines recommend the following process be followed when doing laundry:

- Follow directions on the labels of laundry or clothing items and detergent
- Use normal laundry detergent according to washing machine instructions and
- Dry clothing thoroughly using the warmest temperatures recommended on the label
- Hand hygiene should be performed after handling all soiled clothing