

**INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COVID-19 COMMITTEE**

**Bulletin #200b - COVID-19 - ID-IPC - Guidance for Uniforms and Hospital-owned Scrubs - Apr 28 2022**

## **IPC Guidance for Uniforms and Hospital Owned Scrubs**

The current Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) COVID-19 Guidance document advises health care workers (HCWs) regarding the type of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required when providing care to patients with suspect or confirmed COVID-19.

At this time guidelines do not indicate that hospital provided scrubs are required but have been provided as an option for HCWs working in high risk areas (COVID-19 Units, ERs, ICUs) for prolonged periods of time.

Prior to leaving the workplace HCWs who provide care to suspect/confirmed COVID-19 patients will change their uniform and place it in a plastic bag for transport.

HCWs who wear hospital owned scrubs are required to change and place scrubs in the appropriate linen hamper to be re-laundered. Hospital provided scrubs are not to be worn outside of the workplace.

IPC 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

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