



Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Laundry Recommendations for Disposable Isolation Gowns

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Dear Valued Customer,

Medline's designation as a Critical Infrastructure Industry is allowing us to stay operational and get deliveries to all areas of the country. We've increased production, redeployed and added manufacturing capabilities and will continue to invest heavily in airfreighting product from Asia to increase supply as quickly as possible. In addition to these efforts, Medline is intent on finding unique and innovative solutions to provide our customers with the critical supplies needed to care for their patients.

As COVID-19 continues to spread, the demand for all personal protective equipment (PPE) remain at unprecedented levels. As you are aware, single-use disposable isolation gowns are in critical need throughout the country. As a creative option, Medline has developed guidelines for the laundering of single use isolation gowns. We are encouraged by the initial results of our testing and have attached our recommended processing guidelines so you may consider offering laundry services to your healthcare customers for these products.

While we are still in the initial testing phase, and laundry equipment varies greatly across the country, we have had good success on our initial sample runs using a low agitation formula. These guidelines are specifically for single load conventional washers **only** (not tunnels). This guidance does not endorse or suggest this is an appropriate action for Class II AMMI Level 3 and 4 surgical apparel. Also, please note that laundries must present the gowns as "cover gowns" not isolation gowns and not make any claims of a level of protection or any AAMI rating.

This is a new and unconventional process that will require further testing at each laundry to determine viability. Not all laundries will have the specific equipment or capacity available for this process and great care will be required to ensure that laundry equipment is not adversely affected during the processing of these gowns. There is no "one-size-fits all" approach given all the variables in product, equipment and process. Enhanced vigilance to your collection, sorting, processing and delivery protocols will likely be necessary, and will vary somewhat by laundry along with pricing. We welcome your feedback and additions to this process as you work to provide creative solutions to your customers.



We are hopeful that during this time of significant reduction in processing pounds, this could be an alternative way for some laundries to serve healthcare providers with desperately needed cover gowns.

Thanks,



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