

CORONAVIRUS: SAFE LAUNDERING GUIDELINES

Amid growing concerns over COVID-19, the Coin Laundry Association has pulled together a number of laundering procedures to help keep laundromat customers safe as they continue to perform this necessary task – and regular laundering of clothing and linens has never been more important.

Above all, laundromat customers need to keep doing their laundry! Regular cleaning will help in preventing the spread of the disease.

Here are some guidelines:

Do not shake dirty laundry.

This minimizes the possibility of dispersing the virus through the air.

Wash items in accordance with the directions.

If possible, launder items using the warmest appropriate water setting for the items, and dry items completely. Please note that dirty laundry that has been in contact with an infected person can safely be washed with other people's items.

The hotter the wash, the better.

Experts recommend washing items in a temperature of at least 140 degrees.

Use the dryer.

Viruses hate heat, and drying clothes will further prevent the spread of the disease.

Use the right amount of soap.

Too much soap creates excess suds that enable dirt and grime to remain trapped inside the fabric. The right amount of soap will properly clean and then be rinsed from the clothing.

Clean and disinfect clothes baskets, carts and hampers.

Clean these items as often as possible and use a bag liner, if available.

Sources: Centers for Disease Control, Industry sources