

Supplemental Material:

Infection Control Assessment of Healthcare Facility Preparedness to Keep Healthcare Textiles Clean

Healthcare facility name:		
Address:		
Healthcare facility representative:		
Assessment conducted by:		Date of Assessment:
<i>Risk assessment and quality assurance</i>		
Criteria	Assessment	Notes
Does the healthcare facility serve high-risk patients?*	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Linens management personnel		
Have the linen management frontline supervisors completed training and education in management of healthcare laundry?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are any of the frontline supervisors certified in laundry management (with any certification offered by a linen management association)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, specify which personnel hold which certification:		
<i>Delivery at the healthcare facility</i>		
Is the healthcare facility receiving dock:		
Organized in a manner that maintains separation of soiled and clean items?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Free from evidence of vermin or bird droppings?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Free of odors?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Free of clutter?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Visibly clean?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do laundered textiles maintained fully covered while on the dock?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are laundered textiles immediately moved from the dock to the textile staging area?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<i>Staging within the healthcare facility</i>		
Does the facility regularly confirm the air pressure relationship in the staging area as positive to adjacent hallways and/or the loading dock?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Is the staging area free from evidence of moisture intrusion and mold?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Is the staging area free from dust?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Is access to the staging area controlled?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Is alcohol-based hand rub accessible within the workflow of personnel within the staging area?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Is an EPA-registered healthcare disinfectant used to clean linen carts?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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Are carts cleaned on a daily basis or whenever they are returned to the restocking area?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are clean carts stored in a clean area of the facility?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>Distribution to the point of use</i>		
Is linen maintained covered until point of use?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If linen is maintained covered with launderable covers, is there a cleaning schedule for these covers?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is linen stocked so that linen that has been on the shelf longest is used first?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are textiles taken to patient rooms, as needed, for immediate use? (i.e., not stocked in patient rooms)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is linen in patient rooms outside of the splash zone of the sink (generally 3 feet around the sink)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are hampers available in occupied rooms to collect and transport soiled linen?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

*Examples of high-risk patient areas include, but are not limited to, neonatal intensive care, adult and pediatric trauma or burn intensive care, solid organ transplant, bone marrow transplant, and oncology units.

This checklist was developed based on a review of existing literature and CDC experience investigating outbreaks associated with contaminated healthcare linens.