

# Covid 19 epidemic

## Managing waste and dirty linen

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### WASTE DISPOSAL

For patients with confirmed cases of Covid19, it is recommended to dispose of the following in the channel for waste from medical treatment with risk of infection or similar (Déchets d'Activité de Soins à Risque Infectieux ou Assimilés (DASRIA)):

- All waste from treatment operations
- All disposable linen
- All IPE used by staff

### MANAGEMENT OF DIRTY LINEN

Staff clothing: Individual Protective Equipment (IPE):

- surgical mask
- long-sleeved disposable gown + a plastic apron if doing wet work
- disposable gloves

For patients with confirmed cases of Covid19, the following is recommended:

- Take the dirty linen out of the room in a closed bag (water-soluble bag or dirty linen bag in line with the institution's procedure)
- The patient's personal dirty washing is handed to the family in a closed, airtight bag. It is recommended to wash dirty washing at 60°C.

### REMINDER

- The procedures and recommendations of the institution with regard to DASRIA must be followed from the production of the waste material to its final disposal.
- The procedures and recommendations of the institution with regard to managing linen must be followed when handling and removing dirty linen.
- Follow the standard precautions whenever coming into contact with waste and dirty linen, particularly:
  - Wear gloves and apron when in any contact with waste materials or dirty linen.
  - Disinfect your hands by rubbing them with hydro-alcohol gel as soon as gloves are removed.

### KEY TEXTS

- *Advice relating to washing clothes, cleaning the home or the hospital room of a patient with a confirmed case of SARS-CoV-2 and protecting members of staff. HCSP 18 February 2020.*
- *Sorting DASRIA/DMA waste – recommendations of CLIN Central AP-HP 2019*
- *PUBLIC HEALTH CODE Article R1335-1 and following of the Public Health Code (formerly decree no. 987-1048 dated 6 November 1997 relating to the disposal of waste coming from medical care with high-risk of infection and similar and body parts, and amending the Public Health Code (second part decreed in the French "Conseil d'état")*
- *MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SPORT : All waste from risky treatment operations. How to dispose of it? 2009*
- *FRENCH SOCIETY FOR HOSPITAL HYGIENE (SF2H) : Monitoring and preventing infections linked with medical care September 2010*
- *NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH AND SAFETY (INRS) : Infectious waste, disposal of DASRI and similar 2011*

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