



# **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19): PROPER LAUNDRY GUIDELINES**



Along with frequent hand-washing, make regular laundering of clothing and linens part of your routine to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Following these guidelines can help keep you and your family safe:

## **DO NOT SHAKE LAUNDRY**

- This minimizes possibility of virus being dispersed through the air.

## **WASH WARM - DRY COMPLETELY**

- Follow care label instructions when washing items, including washable plush toys.
- If possible, launder using the warmest appropriate water setting for the item.
- Use of bleach as a disinfectant is an option, and not all fabrics are suitable for bleach. Read and follow clothing label instructions.
- Dry items completely.
- Special note: An ill person's dirty laundry may be washed with other family members' items but handle using disposable gloves, then clean hands immediately afterward.

## **CLEAN, DISINFECT BASKETS, HAMPERS AND CARTS**

- Use household cleaners and EPA-registered disinfectants appropriate for the surface (hard or soft), following label instructions.
- If possible, use a bag liner.