**Novel coronavirus**

**Advice on handling used linen in the context of 2019-nCoV**

Standard Precautions apply to the handling of linen from patients with confirmed or suspected 2019-nCoV. This is in accordance with the appropriate Australian Standard AS/NZS 4146:2000.

Stockpiling of linen in the patient’s room is not to occur. Clean linen is to be stored outside patient rooms. Any unused linen in the patient’s room is not to be returned to general use.

Soiled linen is to be deposited directly into a laundry bag in the patient’s room. The linen bag should not be overfilled. Ensure the bag will not open or burst during linen transport or storage.

Wear gloves and fluid resistant long-sleeved gown when directly handling soiled linen and other laundry.

Do not shake the laundry or otherwise cause aerosolisation of infectious particles.

Wear gloves when transporting used bagged linen and other laundry.

Perform hand hygiene after removal of gloves after contact with soiled linen and laundry.

There is no need to wear surgical or P2/N95 masks or protective eyewear when handling bagged laundry.