



Circular H33/2020

TO ALL SMS MEMBERS/ CHIEF DIRECTORATES / DIRECTORATES / REGIONAL / DISTRICT OFFICES, SUB-STRUCTURES/ALL FACILITY MANAGERS

MANAGEMENT OF LINEN EXPOSED TO PATIENTS WITH SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED COVID-19 INFECTION

Used and Unused Linen in the COVID 19 designated unit needs to be placed in a Soluble Linen Bag and immediately transferred to the Laundry [Central and Private] for further management as per the approved linen policy [**Circular H/73 of 2018 Linen Management and Control Policy**].

Lentegeur Laundry will be the designated facility to manage linen generated by COVID 19 designated facilities currently serviced by Tygerberg Central Laundry and Lentegeur Central Laundry.

Extremely soiled linen which cannot be sluiced at a Central and Private Laundry needs to be managed as Health Care Risk Waste (HCRW).

Institutions are required to procure soluble linen bags as per the approved linen policy [**Circular H/73 of 2018 Linen Management and Control Policy**] and to provide the required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to Laundry Staff handling such linen.

A Linen and Laundry Helpline [KBH.LaundryServices@westerncape.gov.za] has been established to assist Institutions with queries and challenges.

Yours Sincerely

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