

# CHECKLIST

## How Safe Is Your Outpatient Laundering Service?

Many industries require laundering services, from healthcare and hotels to manufacturing and restaurants, and some vendors service all of these industries from the same laundry facilities and delivery vehicles.

**The problem?** Outpatient healthcare centers produce hazardous laundry that requires specialized handling and laundry processes to reduce the spread of infectious diseases or cross-contamination.

**Not sure where your laundry program stands?**

Use this Checklist to ensure your laundry vendor is following the necessary steps and techniques to keep your facility compliant and your patients safe.



### Is Your Laundry Vendor HLAC-Accredited?

- ✓ They meet CDC, OSHA, APIC, & Joint Commission Standards
- ✓ They deploy processes that eliminate risk of cross-contamination
- ✓ They use state-of-the-art laundering techniques
- ✓ They deploy healthcare-specific facilities and delivery vehicles

Yes

No

I Don't Know

### Does Your Laundry Vendor Use Compliant Techniques?

- ✓ They maintain exposure control plans
- ✓ They meet bloodborne pathogen requirements
- ✓ They enforce facility cleaning policies and procedures
- ✓ They maintain laundry facility statements
- ✓ They meet specific laundering temperatures
- ✓ They utilize specific wash formulas
- ✓ They meet specific process times
- ✓ They maintain titration reports
- ✓ They enforce universal precautions requirements

Yes

No

I Don't Know

### Does Your Laundry Vendor Follow Contact-Free Protocols?

- ✓ They enter your facility through a side or back entrance
- ✓ They provide a specific arrival time to allow for preparation
- ✓ They keep products wrapped, including with heat-sealed packaging
- ✓ They schedule inventory checks for when staff is off-site to avoid close contact
- ✓ They utilize technology or notes to flag questionable garments for future exchange
- ✓ They use your approved communication methods like Zoom, Skype, phone, and text

Yes

No

I Don't Know

### Does Your Laundry Vendor Go the Extra Mile to Keep You Safe?

- ✓ They screen the health of their mobile workforce each day
- ✓ They treat all soiled items as though they are infected
- ✓ They wash their hands upon arrival at your facility
- ✓ They social distance and wear face masks and gloves
- ✓ They avoid having you sign hand-held PDAs

Yes

No

I Don't Know

### Did You Answer Yes, No, or I Don't Know to Most of the Questions?

If you answered NO or I DON'T KNOW to some or most of these questions, take time to review these items with your vendor and learn about your options.

### Not Sure Where to Start? We Can Help.

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