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a group or series of three related things that develops into a single theme.

Our theme is success.

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Transportation of Regulated Medical Waste
Contaminated with COVID-19



From [WHO](#) (As of 03/02/2020)

The World Health Organization has officially named the coronavirus disease COVID-19. Trilogy MedWaste continues to receive new information about COVID-19 and are focusing our efforts on how we can assist you to properly handle medical waste generated responding to this disease. Currently healthcare organizations, including the federal [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) have stated that COVID-19 waste should be handled in the same manner as standard regulated medical waste.

Facts

COVID-19 can remain viable and infectious on hard surfaces for up to nine days; but can be readily inactivated by surface disinfectants such as bleach or hydrogen peroxide with one minute of contact time.

In an effort to protect your workers, patients and Trilogy MedWaste staff the following guidelines are suggested to be followed:

- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) states that workers handling medical waste use appropriate engineering and administrative controls, safe work practices, and PPE, such as puncture-resistant gloves and face/eye protections, to prevent worker exposure to medical waste, including sharps and other items that can cause injuries or exposure to infectious materials.
- To ensure worker protection they must practice proper hand hygiene and thoroughly wash hands for a minimum of 20 seconds before donning PPE and after removing (doffing) PPE.

In an effort to protect your workers, patients and Trilogy MedWaste staff the following guidelines are suggested to be followed:

- Ensure red bags are properly closed and tied with an overhand balloon knot or goose neck knot to prevent leakage. Properly tied red bags should be placed in a reusable secondary container and secured with a tight fitting lid.
- Disposable sharps containers should be used in all isolation rooms where COVID-19 patients are being screened or treated. These sharps containers should be fully closed, placed in a red bag that is then properly tied to prevent leakage, and placed in a secondary container secured with a tight fitting lid.

In an effort to protect your workers, patients and Trilogy MedWaste staff the following guidelines are suggested to be followed:

- As an added precaution, all secondary containers holding red bags with COVID-19 waste should have their sides and lid wiped with either a bleach wipe (Clorox) or an accelerated hydrogen peroxide wipe (Diversey Oxivir Tb Soft Pack Wipe) with a contact time of one minute.
- Since COVID-19 can be spread by droplets from sneezing or coughing, hospitals may want to increase disinfection frequencies of bedrails, the overbed tray, nurse call button and patient telephone in isolation rooms of patients being screened or treated for COVID-19. Environmental services or other healthcare workers can use bleach or accelerated hydrogen peroxide wipes to quickly disinfect these high touch items and provide greater patient and worker protection.
- Trilogy MedWaste will pick up your medical waste, including COVID-19 generated medical waste, and transport it to one of our permitted facilities for treatment.



Thank You

For your time and attention.

