



Disinfecting Clothing Guide

What can I do about bras, wigs, lingerie, and clothing that cannot be washed?

From the CDC: Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility

Please refer to the manufacturer for their recommendations for sanitization.

Best Option: Launder

According to the CDC, **soft surfaces** should be laundered, if possible, according to the manufacturer's instructions. Use the warmest appropriate water settings and dry items completely.

Second Best Option: Disinfect

If you cannot launder the item, disinfect with an EPA-registered household disinfectant. The CDC indicates that **these disinfectants** meet EPA's criteria for use against COVID-19.

If those aren't options, what else can I do?

Cycle Through the Items Every 3–5 Days

The CDC hasn't provided direct or clear guidance for businesses or retailers on what they recommend for disinfecting clothing or

porous surfaces other than using the EPA registered disinfectants. They have indicated that the virus can survive on plastic, stainless steel, or cardboard for up to 72 hours. **When implementing guidance on how to reuse PPE, the CDC has indicated that a respirator can be reused if it is stored in a breathable paper bag for a minimum of five days between each use.** Based on this recommendation, some retail locations have implemented storing items in a separate bin or bag for at least 72 hours before reuse, allowing the virus to die.

Use Moist Heat/Steam on Clothing
Moist heat at 150° F (65° C) was found to kill H1N1 99.9% of the time. Some retail locations have chosen to steam clothing after each use.

As always, do not touch your face, eyes, or mouth and make sure to wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds after interacting with anyone.