**Lindenhurst Laundromat addresses public health concern: Laundry Techniques to combat the coronavirus**

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We take cleanliness and your health seriously at Lindenhurst Laundromat. In short, clothing washed and dried in hot water according to garment care instructions, with the correct type/amount of detergent, and in a clean environment is sufficient to kill coronavirus.

Our dropoff wash and fold business is experiencing a sharp increase in volume, but we are keeping up with demand and standard turnaround times. Call us with questions at 847-265-8470.

**Should you handle laundry differently?**

*“There are no recommended changes in normal laundry processing of clothing from the CDC, as the current textile processing standard of appropriate time, temperature and chemical should kill the virus.”*

This means, properly washing and drying laundry is effective in killing the virus.

**Here are some laundry guidelines from the CDC:**

1. **Wash items in accordance with the directions.** Launder items using the warmest appropriate water setting, and dry items completely. Dirty laundry that has been in contact with an infected person CAN safely be washed with other people’s items.
2. **The hotter the wash, the better**. Experts recommend washing items in 140 F or greater.
3. **Use the dryer**. Viruses hate heat, drying clothes will kill and prevent spread of the disease.
4. **Use the right amount of soap.** Too much soap creates excess suds, enabling grime to remain trapped inside the fabric. The right amount of soap will clean and then be rinsed from clothing.
5. **Clean and disinfect clothes baskets, carts and hampers**. Clean these items as often as possible and use a bag liner, if available.

**Here is what we are doing at Lindenhurst Laundromat:**

* Our hot water temperature is 140F.
* Our high temperature dryer settings are over 140F.
* We provide plastic bags to customers to line carts – Please see our attendant if you are a doing laundry yourself.
* We use bleach-infused detergent within garment care instructions – We sell such detergent, so contact our attendant if you need help.
* We clean handles, tables, washers, dryers and common surfaces with an anti-viral product rated to combat corona virus.