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Purpose To identify infection control practices for the processing of clean and dirty linen.

Audience Employees of UTMB Linen Services

- Personnel**
- Personnel shall comply with Employee Health Center guidelines for their area.
 - Eating and drinking shall be confined to designated areas only.
 - Suspected or known exposure to or acquisition of an infectious disease shall be reported to the Department of Infection Control & Healthcare Epidemiology or to the Employee Health Center immediately.
 - All cuts and lacerations shall be covered with a waterproof dressing.
 - The Universal Precautions policy shall be followed for any and all contact with blood and body fluids.
 - A clean uniform shall be worn daily.
 - Soiled linen shall be bagged to contain any and all body fluids.
 - Soiled linen shall be removed from patient care areas at least daily and more often as required.
 - All clean linen shall be stored and transported in carts used exclusively for this purpose, or in linen carts which have been decontaminated after being used for soiled laundry.
 - The soiled linen carts shall be cleaned at least daily, and the clean linen carts cleaned weekly.