This document is to provide information regarding the provision of scrubs to COVID-19 units at AHS sites.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

- Linen Services (LS) supplies and launders scrubs to a variety of departments across AHS.
- There has been an overwhelming increase in requests to LS for the provision of scrubs.
- LS cannot supply scrubs to all areas. However, will focus on ensuring a provision of scrubs (where applicable) to AHS staff in designated areas, per their department policy, as described in *IPC’s Healthcare Attire (Scrubs and Uniforms) Information Sheet*.
- This is specific to scrubs only. It does not include other uniforms.

**Change in Practice**

- In response to COVID-19 measures, LS will provide AHS issued attire (scrubs) to COVID-19 designated units only for staff who provide direct patient care.
  - COVID-19 units are designated care units where confirmed COVID-19 patients are cohorted for care.

*Note:* This change is being recommended as in effort to make it easier for staff working in designated COVID-19 units, and does not change IPC’s direction that use of PPE as recommended in *contact and droplet* precautions prevents contamination of staff uniforms and clothes.

**Key Messages**

The following key messages have been adapted from *IPC’s Healthcare Attire (Scrubs and Uniforms) Information Sheet*. Please review this document for full details or if additional information is required:

- Staff in a designated COVID-19 unit wearing AHS issued attire still require PPE for *Contact and Droplet* precautions.
- AHS issued attire means attire used for performing duties within AHS facilities. Staff wear AHS attire in designated areas as required by their department policy.
- DO NOT wear or take AHS issued attire outside the facility premises.
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Additional Information

- IPC Interim Recommendations for COVID-19
- Guidelines for Cohorting Patients with COVID-19

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