

Pembroke Regional Hospital

MEMO

To: All PRH Staff and Physicians
From: Lisa Bradley, Director, Environmental Services
Date: September 14, 2023
Subject: Temporary, Alternative Measures for In-House Laundering

We wanted to let everyone know that, due to equipment failure involving our industrial washing machine, some temporary, alternative measures have been put in place for the washing of items which are usually laundered in-house by Environmental Services staff.

This includes items like OR scrubs, rags, mop heads, and curtains.

Until our industrial washing machine can be replaced, this laundering will take place using the washing machines on Acute Mental Health, 2nd Surgical, and the Rehabilitation unit.

Please know that this alternative practice follows best practice as set out by Public Health Ontario's guidelines for environmental cleaning in health care settings and is being done following consultation with Infection Prevention and Control and Occupational Health and Safety.

Regular washing that is required on the units, including the washing of patient clothing, can continue using the same washing machines, so long as they are part of a separate load.

In the meantime, we are also working with community partners to assist us with our laundry volumes.

If you have any questions or concerns about this, please speak with your manager.