

# COVID-19

## Waste Handling Processes

GUIDELINES TO ENSURE STAFF SAFETY AND WASTE DISPOSAL COMPLIANCE

COVID-19 is a category B waste, it is classified as standard regulated medical waste and is to be treated and handled as **standard regulated medical waste**.



### Fill the Bin.

COVID-19 waste does **NOT** need “special” handling

COVID-19 waste is classified by CDC as regulated medical waste and managed the same as all other RMW. It is imperative for the minimization of handling touches, serviceability and national stock availability that medical waste bins are utilized safely and efficiently with no changes to current fill-volume utilization.



### Safely Secure.

Tie up bags + secure containers to safely contain waste

This ensures protection of healthcare staff and waste handlers.



- ✓ Use a single, leak-resistant red bag for containment of COVID-19 / RMW waste
- ✓ Contamination or puncturing of the bag requires placement into a second red bag.
- ✓ Seal red bag by twisting and tying by hand into a single knot
- ✓ Contain bag in a rigid container and close lid securely
- ✓ The red bag **MUST NOT** be visible once the container is closed

