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### **PRIME MEDICAL TURNS HOSPITAL CURTAINS, LAB COATS AND SCRUBS INTO GERM-FIGHTING SHIELDS**

*Company launches new products under the CloroxPro™ and Clorox Healthcare® brands*

**LARGO, FL (November 27, 2018)** – Soft surfaces have traditionally been one of the bigger challenges to sanitize in the health care environment. One study found that 92 percent of privacy curtains have been found contaminated with infectious bacteria within one week of laundering.<sup>1</sup> Yet another study cites that as much as 60 percent of nursing and physician attire can be a source of nosocomial infections.<sup>2</sup>

Now, [Prime Medical](#), in partnership with [Clorox Professional Products Company](#), is introducing hospital privacy curtains, scrubs and lab coats that harness the sanitizing effects of sodium hypochlorite-based bleach to help make these soft surfaces part of the solution in reducing health care-associated infections (HAIs).

“The fabric of our privacy curtains, scrubs and lab coats will provide another tool for those in the health care environment to fight HAIs, making soft surfaces an asset rather than a liability,” said Jim Sampey, CEO of Prime Medical. “Together, Prime Medical and Clorox Professional Products Company will fight HAIs and change the fabric of healthcare.”

The new Prime Medical privacy curtains, scrubs and lab coats will feature the Clorox Healthcare® and CloroxPro™ brand equities and provide unprecedented bactericidal protection, leading to safer patient environments. The fabric works by enabling bacteria-fighting molecules to bind to the fabric’s surface for up to 12 weeks after washing with

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<sup>1</sup> Ohl, M., et al. (2011). Hospital privacy curtains are frequently and rapidly contaminated with potentially pathogenic bacteria. *Am J Infect Control*. 2012 Dec; 40(10):904-6

<sup>2</sup> Wiener-Well et al. Nursing and physician attire as possible source of nosocomial infections, *Am J Infect Control* 2011, 39: 555-9

bleach, inhibiting the growth and spread of viruses. The fabric recharges during each washing, and the antimicrobial capability is durable for a minimum of 75 industrial washes.

When laundered per the label instructions with the EPA-registered bleach, lab tests have shown the activated fabric can kill bacteria and viruses with 99.9 percent effectiveness, according to a study by the fabric's manufacturer.<sup>3</sup> This means that as health care providers move between patient rooms, they can reduce the risk of spreading unseen pathogens via their scrubs and lab coats. And, for privacy curtains that are often touched and rarely changed, the fabric's antimicrobial capability provides an additional layer of protection to prevent the spread of bacteria and viruses.

"When we first saw the technology that Prime Medical was bringing to market, we knew it was one more example of a bundled approach to infection prevention and reducing pathogens in patient environments," said Amy Harmon, associate director – marketing, Clorox Healthcare. "That's what we look for in partners – like-minded companies that are as focused as we are on creating innovative solutions for cleaner, safer health care settings."

The privacy curtains are a two-part system consisting of a six-foot modular privacy panel that easily snaps onto a mesh top. Each privacy panel weighs just 1.4 pounds, making it easy for one person to change a curtain in as little as 40 seconds without a ladder. The fabric on all three products is fade-resistant to bleach so they will retain their original color wash after wash.

The Clorox Healthcare privacy curtains will be available December 2018 and the CloroxPro scrubs and lab coats February 2019.

For more information about the new products, visit [www.primemedical.com](http://www.primemedical.com).

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<sup>3</sup> Laboratory conditions using AATCC 100 test method.

**About Prime Medical:**

Prime Medical is changing the fabric of health care with its innovative Chlorine-Shield privacy curtains, scrubs and lab coats. Made with a patented fabric technology that binds with bacteria-fighting molecules, our products harness the sanitizing effects of bleach. The retained molecules work to reduce the colonization of pathogens while the products are in use. These textiles and apparel fight germs with every fiber, helping make the health care environment safer for staff and patients. For additional information, visit [www.primemedical.com](http://www.primemedical.com).

**About Clorox Professional Products Company**

Building on a century-long legacy in cleaning and disinfecting, Clorox Healthcare products from CloroxPro offer health care facilities a wide range of solutions to help prevent and stop the spread of infections and create cleaner, healthier environments. From comprehensive surface disinfection to advanced technologies, we are committed to providing efficacious solutions to health care facilities across the continuum of care. For more information, visit [www.CloroxPro.com](http://www.CloroxPro.com) or follow [@CloroxPro](https://twitter.com/CloroxPro) on Twitter.

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