

## **Press Release – Textile Services Association**

### **THE CABINET ROLLER TOWEL SERVICE AND INFECTION CONTROL IN WASHROOMS**

***Combining the Department of Health's advice on proper hand washing procedures with the use of a cabinet roller towel service reduces the risk of spreading of infection in wash rooms.***

Every household and business in Britain has been circulated with the Department of Health's advice on measures for restricting the spread of Swine Flu. Central to this advice is the need for frequent and careful hand washing since the virus can be readily spread by contact with contaminated surfaces.

This information forms the first line of defence and should be displayed in public and workplace washrooms. Clean hands restrict the spread of infection to the individual and to his or her surroundings and colleagues.

Of course, hand washing requires to be followed by hand drying and there is currently no public information on the safest arrangements for hand drying in washrooms either in the public domain or in the workplace.

Many people would prefer the option of drying hands with a towel and in the current situation this means a fresh towel every time. The use of a cabinet roller towel system will provide this option. At the same time it will avoid the inevitable spread of infection from possibly contaminated waste paper and warm blasts of moist air which can carry infection throughout the wash room and to every individuals present.

The modern cabinet dispenses fresh, hygienically disinfected\* towel on demand and automatically stores used towel safely away from contact with the next user. The positioning of the locked and secure cabinet and the length of towel dispensed means that it is far less open to abuse or alternative use such as wiping down surfaces, discarding after catching sneezes etc.

***In conclusion, ensuring properly washed hands and using a cabinet roller towel system offers a safe option for controlling spread of infection to individuals in the wash room.***

\* Cabinet roller towel service providers complying with EN13568\*\* use recommended towel specifications, a validated disinfecting process and recognised levels of service provision.

\*\* EN13569 - Cabinet roller towels -Performance requirements and processing