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Hamilton County Public Health Guidelines for Travelers and Public Accommodation Facility Guests

Public Health scientific evidence does not show that bed bugs directly spread disease. This information is strictly meant for guidelines when entering a public accommodation facility that has or is suspected of having bedbugs.

1. Prior to traveling, call the local health department and inquire about any recent bedbug activity in the public accommodation facility you will be staying at.
2. Upon arrival at your public accommodation facility, ask the manager if they have had any recent bedbug activity or complaints.
3. Before entering your room, leave all belongings in the hallway or vehicle.
4. Inspect the room thoroughly. Areas and furniture to inspect but not limited to should include the following:
 - Mattress and box springs
 - Frame or box of the bed
 - Dressers
 - Headboard of the bed (including screw holes and where boards intersect)
 - Baseboards and wall junctures
 - Sheets and pillows
 - Chairs and couches (zippers, cushions, and frame)
 - Closets and armoires
5. If bedbugs are observed during the inspection of the room, request a different room or your money back.
6. Report all bedbug complaints to the local health department.
7. If no bedbugs are observed, please consider the following recommendations to protect your belongings in your room:
 - Hang all clothing in the closet
 - Put all luggage and baggage in the bathtub
 - Do not leave belongings on the floor
 - Do not put belongings/ luggage in the dresser drawers
 - Put all clothing/ belongings in plastic sealed bags
8. Upon leaving the public accommodation facility, inspect your luggage/ affects prior to entering your vehicle or home.
9. If bedbugs are observed, follow the following recommendations:
 - Put all luggage/ belongings in a sealed trash bag
 - Launder your clothing through the normal washing and drying process
 - Vacuum all bedbugs off of luggage/ belongings outside of your home or vehicle
10. Call the Hamilton County Public Health with any questions or assistance that you might need.