PATHWAY TO FOLLOW FOR PREPARING DECEASED DURING COVID PANDEMIC

DEATH

DEATH CERTIFICATE + REGISTRATION

NON COVID-19

Is there suspicion that patient had COVID-19?

Yes

Treat as suspected confirmed COVID

No

Perform ghusl as normal

Appropriate and ventilated facility

PPE available (gloves, full sleeve with apron, goggles, surgical mask)

Ghusl performers are low risk for COVID* & trained in ghusl

Ghusl performers trained in donning and doffing PPE

Perform ghusl

Suspected/Confirmed COVID

Inappropriate and or non ventilated facility

Insufficient PPE available

Ghusl performers not trained in ghusl, unable to correctly don/doff PPE or high risk group for COVID-19*

Refer to reliable scholars for alternative to ghusl

Important information: Ghusl is the normative obligation. All efforts should be considered to perform this obligation where possible, safe and practical. However, there are alternatives if this isn’t possible. This is guidance and we advise to please consult your local scholars & local experts. Please also note that once body has had ghusl and is back in body bag & shrouded then gloves only should suffice as no direct contact with body.

Appropriate facility: Room needs to be ventilated & cleaned with hot water/ soap each time. No spraying water to be used.1,2

PPE information: Although not required by PHE guidance, we recommend beard cover/ full sleeve apron if available for additional safety.

High risk for COVID 19: serious underlying health condition, pregnant or >70 years old. Visit bit.ly/2wVrtQ2 for full list.4

References & contact:

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