GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

HEALTH, MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

ORDER NO.42 COVID-19/2020   Dt. 01 -05-2020

Sub   COVID-19 - Guidelines for disposal of dead bodies – Further Instructions issued - Reg

Ref   1. COVID Instant Order No. 22, Dt 10.4.2020

2. MA&UD Memo No. 1135283/MAU-01/2020 dated 21.04.2020
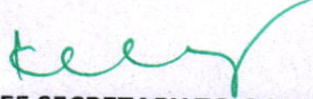
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Attention is invited to the references cited.

All the District Collectors shall ensure that the following guidelines are strictly followed before disposal of dead bodies.

1. If a death happens in any of the hospitals and if the patient is either COVID suspect or COVID positive, the dead body is to be sterilized and sealed and then is to be disposed as per COVID protocol as per orders issued vide ref 1st and 2nd cited.

2. In a Red zone, if a death happens during course of shifting patient between hospitals or patients approaching hospitals for any kind of treatment or if the case is brought dead which includes manner of deaths such as accidents, suicide, homicide, undetermined etc., then, the swab has to be collected for TrueNat test (VLM) and the dead body is to be sterilized and sealed and it is to be **disposed without waiting for test results** as per COVID protocol.In case if the test result is COVID positive, then, contact tracing is to be done and necessary follow up action has to be taken.If the test result is COVID negative, then, no action is needed.

3. In a Green zone, if any death happens, the dead body can be disposed as per usual practice.

The District Collectors/Medical Superintendents shall take necessary further action in this regard and report compliance.

Encl: Flowchart - Dead body disposal

SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:

1. All The District Collectors
2. Medical Superintendents of all Government Hospitals
3. Director of Medical Education, Vijayawada for necessary action
4. Commissioner, APVVP, Vijayawada for necessary action
5. Director of Health, Vijayawada for necessary action
6. Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare for favour of information

COVID-19 - FLOWCHART – DEADBODY DISPOSAL

Dead Body

├── **Hospital Death**
│   ├── **Suspected COVID death**
│   │   └── **Sterilization & Sealing**
│   │   └── **Dispose as per COVID protocol[1]**
│   └── **COVID positivedeath**
│   └── (→ Sterilization & Sealing)
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└── **Cluster Death**
    ├── **Red Zone**
    │   └── **Death during transport / shifting[2]**
    │   └── **Swab collection for TrueNat test (VLM)[4]**
    │   ├── **Report +ve**
    │   │   └── **Contact Tracing**
    │   │   └── **Follow up Action**
    │   └── **Report -ve**
    │   └── **No action needed**
    ├── **Brought Dead[3]**
    │   └── **Swab collection for TrueNat test (VLM)[4]**
    │   └── **Sterilization & Sealing**
    │   └── **Dispose as per COVID protocol[1] (Do not wait for test response)**
    └── **Green Zone**
        └── **Dispose as per Standard Non-Covid protocol**

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1. Dispose as per COVID protocol:
Dead body management protocol to be followed as per Covid Instant Order no. 22 dated 10.04.2020 and as per MA&UD Memo No. 1135283/MAU-01/2020 dated 21.04.2020

2. Death during transport / shifting field indicates incidents like deaths during the course of shifting between or approaching / reaching hospital for any kind of treatment

3. Brought Dead field indicates manner of deaths such as accidents, suicide, homicide, undetermined etc.

4. TrueNat test (VLM) for faster detection and test results