

### Guidance

#### What Do I Need To Know about post mortem care of a COVID-19 positive patient or person under investigation (PUI)?

1. Use droplet, contact and standard precautions to place body in the bag
2. Follow "SF0026 Post Mortem Checklist"
3. Consider airborne precautions if/when disconnecting patient from ventilator or BiPap. Consider using PPE level 2.
4. Once post mortem care is complete, and after removal of PPE, perform hand hygiene.
5. Disinfect the outside of the bag with an EPA approved disinfectant prior to transporting the body to the morgue.
6. Identify as COVID-19 by placing additional isolation stop sign outside the body bag.
7. Do not remove isolation stop sign from the door until room is cleaned by Environmental Services.
8. Use standard precautions when handling the body bag
9. Wear gloves and a surgical mask when opening the bag for body identification. Perform hand hygiene.
10. Contact Environmental Services to clean the morgue transporting cart and patient room following body pick up.

#### What Do I Need To Know about releasing the body of a COVID-19 positive patient or person under investigation (PUI)?

1. Follow SF0025 Release of Body/Organ Donation/Autopsy Form
2. *Effective August 14, 2020, it is no longer necessary to contact the Medical Examiner for all COVID-19 positive or PUI patients unless there are other circumstances which would meet the Medical Examiner guidelines for contact.*
3. Nursing Supervisor or designee to document any communication with the M.E. office, including person you speak to when relating results, in the clinical note in electronic health record

For more information, contact your Infection Prevention and Control Department.

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