

COVID-19

HANDLE WITH CARE

MANAGING THE BODIES OF DECEASED COVID-19 PATIENTS

GUIDANCE FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS



Perform hand hygiene

Whenever in contact with the deceased or their surroundings



Wear personal protective equipment (PPE)

Gloves, surgical mask, long-sleeved gown, and face shield or goggles



Wrap the body in cloth or any other material for transfer

Body bags are not necessary



Move the body to the mortuary room as soon as possible

Keep handling and movement of the body to a minimum



Make sure the transport team is wearing PPE

Gloves, surgical mask, long-sleeved gown, and face shield or goggles

Note: No special vehicle is required for transporting the body

*In case of aerosol-generating procedures (e.g., extubation or autopsy), use N-95 or equivalent respirator. Otherwise, facial protection is needed only if there is a risk of splashes from the patient's body fluids or secretions onto the body or face of the staff member.