



GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

No: HFW 231 ACS 2020

Karnataka Government Secretariat,
Vikasa Soudha,
Bengaluru, Date: 25th June 2020.

ORDER

Sub: Handing over of dead body in suspected COVID-19 deaths.

- Ref: 1. COVID-19: Guidelines on dead body management, dated 15.03.2020 by MoHFW, Govt. of India.
2. Circular dated 28th May 2020 of Director, Health & Family Welfare Services regarding Management of COVID-19 dead body in hospitals.

It has come to the notice regarding deaths of suspected COVID-19 patients that dead bodies are not being handed over to the relatives pending confirmation of test report by the hospitals.

It is hereby clarified that the dead bodies of such suspected COVID-19 cases should be handed over to their relatives immediately after swab collection and should not await laboratory confirmation of COVID. These dead bodies can as a matter of abundant precaution shall be disposed as per the guidelines on COVID-19 dead body management of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India and State Government guidelines as mentioned in reference.

If such death cases test positive eventually, then the required action for contract listing, tracking etc. should be carryout subsequently.


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Additional Chief Secretary to Government
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To,

1. Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare Services, Anand Rao Circle, Bengaluru.
2. Mission Director, National Health Mission, Anand Rao Circle, Bengaluru.
3. All Deputy Commissioners.
4. All CEOs of ZPs.
5. Director, Health & Family Welfare Services, Anand Rao Circle, Bengaluru.
6. Director, Medical Education Department, Anand Rao Circle, Bengaluru.
7. All District Health and Family Welfare Officers / All District Surgeons.
8. All Testing Labs of State.

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- 1) Chief Secretary to Government, Vidhana Soudha.
- 2) ACS to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Vidhana Soudha.