



GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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From

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Additional Chief Secretary to Government

To

All Collector & District Magistrates
All Municipal Commissioners.
All CDM & PHOs
Superintendents of all Government MCHs

Sub:- Disposal of Dead Bodies of patients under treatment for COVID – Reg.

Madam/Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am to say that as per existing Government guidelines the dead body of the patient who dies during the course of treatment for COVID-19 is to be disposed of by the local authorities, in consultation with family members, in a dignified manner observing all COVID-19 protocols.

However, if at the time of death, the patient is found to be COVID negative, and if the relatives of the patient claim the dead body, the same may be handed over to them in a sealed body bag with advisory of its safe disposal, so that the last rites can be undertaken by the family as per their customary practice.

Accordingly, District / Municipal / Hospital Authorities shall facilitate handing over of the dead bodies of COVID negative patients to their relatives/kith & kin as below:

1. Body is to be handed over only if the family members so desire and give an undertaking to abide by COVID protocols like not opening the body bag or touching or kissing the dead body, maintaining the COVID appropriate behavior.
2. The body is duly sanitized and packed as per Govt. of India guideline dated 15-03-20, by the district/hospital authority.

Yours faithfully,


29/06/2021
Additional Chief Secretary to Government

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Deputy Secretary to Government

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