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## I. STATEMENT OF THE POLICY

This policy serves as a guide in disposing the remains of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 mortalities.

## II. POLICY GUIDELINES

1. All staff handling the cadaver shall wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). PPE Set A shall be used during transport.
2. Post-mortem care such as cleaning of the body, shaving and the likes shall be prohibited.
3. The assigned staff shall remove the cadaver from the room at the earliest possible time after demise.
4. The assigned staff shall wrap the cadaver using the linen mortuary sheet, put labels accordingly and place in an airtight leak proof cadaver bag.
5. The assigned staff shall decontaminate the outer part of the cavader bag using the approved hospital's disinfectant.
6. Unzipping of the bag at any given time shall be prohibited.
7. The pathology staff shall ensure that all cadavers are inside the morgue freezer.
8. The pathology staff shall coordinate with the funeral service and shall facilitate pick up of the cadaver from the morgue within 12 hours.
9. Although the family members are not allowed to view and interact with the deceased, utmost respect in handling the remains in accordance to their religious and cultural beliefs without compromising the integrity of the proper disposal procedure shall be ensured.

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## Appendix

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PROCEDURE	RESPONSIBLE PERONNEL	PPE SET IN USE	KEY TASK	MATERIALS	REMINDERS
Confirmation of Death	MD	Either Set B or Set C			
Preparing the Body*	Nurse	Set C	Don the corresponding PPE	c/o Central Supply Section	No Post Mortem Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No cleaning of the body</li> <li>- No tidying of hair</li> <li>- No trimming of nails</li> <li>- No shaving</li> </ul>
Wrapping the Body			Wrap the body with Mortuary Linen Sheet and	c/o Linen Section	Place all labels according to SOP.
Bagging the Body			Place in airtight cadaver bag and zipped.	c/o Linen Section	Decontaminate the surface of the body bag with hospital approved disinfectant.
Preparing the body for transport**			Place carefully inside the cadaver transporter.	c/o Central Supply Section	Do hand hygiene. Discard Used PPE immediately outside the room and do hand hygiene again.
Transport of Body to Morgue	Nursing Orderly CSS CBII	Set A	Don the corresponding PPE		Transport using the cadaver transporter via dedicated elevator.
Body in the Morgue***			Place carefully inside the freezer.		Unzipping of the cadaver bag and removal of the body is strictly prohibited.
Post Transport			Clean and Disinfect the cadaver transporter.	Key c/o Pathology Staff Cleaning Materials c/o CSS CBII	Do hand hygiene. Discard used PPE accordingly and do hand hygiene again.
Pick up of the body	Funeral Personnel	Set A		c/o Pathology Staff	Do hand hygiene. Discard used PPE accordingly and do hand hygiene again.
<p>* Although the family members are not allowed to view and interact with the deceased, let us provide the utmost respect in handling the remains in accordance to their religious and cultural beliefs without compromising the integrity of the proper disposal procedure.</p> <p>**The remains should be removed from the room at the earliest possible time after demise</p> <p>***The remains should be picked up from the morgue by the designated funeral service within 12 hours per DOH protocols.</p>					