# COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES FOR MANAGING THE DEAD

**DO**

- Ensure staff managing the dead are knowledgeable about COVID-19, qualified and trained
- Protect and respect the deceased and their families and be mindful of cultural and religious sensitivities
- Use personal protective equipment (PPE) to limit exposure of staff to the disease
- Use double body bags/body bags for infectious diseases to handle each body
- Disinfect all non-disposable material, equipment and surfaces after use
- Transport each body to the mortuary at the earliest
- Dispose of used PPE and other disposable items
- Wash hands rigorously with clean water and soap or use disinfectant
- Document the recovery, transportation, examination, storage, and follow local authority’s guidance on last rites of the body

**DON’T**

- Eat, drink anything or touch your face and mouth while handling a body
- Engage in any other activity during handling a body
- Allow relatives to kiss, touch or handle the body
- Compromise the disposal of used PPE and other waste
- Carry out non-essential complete autopsy

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Call the COVID-19 helpline **1075 / 011-23978046** if you experience any of the following initial symptoms

- **COUGH**
- **FEVER**
- **BREATHELESSNESS**

For any technical enquiry, email on technicalquery.covid19@gov.in

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**STAY INFORMED OF NOTIFICATIONS FROM YOUR AUTHORITIES AND STRICTLY ADHERE TO THEM**

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