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COVID-19 BASIC MEASURES
FOR HEALTHCARE AND DEATHCARE WORKERS IN THE HANDLING OF THE DEAD

The wearing of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is standard practice for the handling of the deceased and should be carried out in line with standard Health and Safety procedures. Healthcare and deathcare workers should take precautions when handling the remains of individuals who have died from COVID-19.

DURING

**USE BODY BAGS**
Use one body bag designed for infectious cases. If this is not available, use two standard field body bags.

**LABEL BODY BAGS**
Label the body bags containing human remains properly. Record all movements of the body.

**TRANSPORT**
Transport the body to the mortuary (or to a disinfection location if no post-mortem examination will occur) as soon as possible.

AVOID

Avoid contact with your face and mouth, as well as with food, drinks, and eating and drinking utensils.

Do not engage in any other activity during the body handling or preparation process.

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