

## Post Mortem Care Standard Work - 5.26.20 1500

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*Purpose: Post mortem care for suspected/confirmed COVID-19 patients*

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1.	Confirm deceased patient is a suspected/confirmed COVID-19 patient.  Pronouncing provider can confirm if needed.		RN or NT
2.	Gather a blue plastic slide sheet (Lawson # 652634), and a post mortem body bag.	Official Lawson name: SHEET TRANSFER PATIENT MOVER	RN or NT
3.	Don Severe Respiratory PPE (if not already on)		RN or NT
4.	Refer to policy: "Expired Patient: Handling and Disposition"  <a href="https://spectrumhealth.policytech.com/docview/?docid=41722&amp;anonymous=true">https://spectrumhealth.policytech.com/docview/?docid=41722&amp;anonymous=true</a> Appendix B- "The Following instructions refer to all patients"	Review entire standard work as select items differ from current practice.	RN or NT
5.	Take clean morgue cart, post mortem body bag, and slide sheet into the patient room. Lean the cart cover against a wall in the room.		RN or NT
6.	Proceed to perform post mortem care per policy. Place the slide sheet under the body to ready it for transfer onto the cart.		RN or NT
7.	Open and <b>place the body bag onto the clean morgue cart</b> , so that the flap hangs over the side of the cart which will be next to the bed.		RN or NT
8.	Push the morgue cart right up against the bed, with the flap of the body bag between the cart and the bed.		RN or NT

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9.	<b>Use slide sheet to transfer patient into the clean body bag</b> (which is on the morgue cart),	Bring the patient to the shroud. Do not bring the shroud to the patient.	RN or NT
10.	Prior to placing tags, complete a <b>patient identification double check</b> to ensure appropriate tagging of the patient		RN or NT
11.	<b>Zip</b> the body bag around the patient as usual, after ensuring that body is labelled with identification tag(s).		RN or NT
12.	Wipe the top of the bag with a hospital approved disinfectant. (ex Super Sani wipes)		RN or NT
13.	<b>Attach the Severe Respiratory Precautions isolation sign with tape to the top of the body bag (per current policy)</b>	This ensures communication of patient's status to Security and to the funeral home.	RN or NT
14.	Place the cover over the cart and push the cart near the door.		RN or NT
15.	Remove dirty gloves, sanitize hands and put on clean gloves.		RN or NT
16.	Clean the cart cover with a hospital approved disinfectant, then push the cart into the hallway to a waiting staff member who can transport the body to the morgue.	No PPE is required to be worn by staff who transports morgue cart to the morgue, per policy.	RN or NT
17.	Remove PPE, perform hand hygiene, and exit room, <b>or</b> keep PPE on and stay in room to strip bed, etc. to ready the room for terminal cleaning.		RN or NT
18.	Patient's belonging bag(s) is to be placed inside a clean patient belonging bag and returned to the family.	Refer to policy: "Expired Patient: Handling and Disposition" <a href="https://spectrumhealth.policysite.com/docview/?docid=41722&amp;anonymous=true">https://spectrumhealth.policysite.com/docview/?docid=41722&amp;anonymous=true</a>	RN or NT

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19.	Infection Prevention to contact the local health department to notify of patient death and provide required patient information	Nursing <b>no longer</b> needs to notify the local health department or Infection Prevention	Infection Prevention

**Appendix 1:**

## DIRECTORY OF MICHIGAN HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

*In general, health care providers should seek consultation regarding communicable disease prevention and control services through their local health department.*

COUNTY	HEALTH DEPT.	CO. OFFICE	AREA	PHONE	FAX	COUNTY	HEALTH DEPT.	CO. OFFICE	AREA	PHONE	FAX
Alcona	District 2	Harrisville	989	724-6757	343-1896	Lake	District 10	Baldwin	231	745-4663	745-2501
Alger	LMAS DHD	Munising	906	387-2297	387-2224	Lapeer	Lapeer County	Lapeer	810	667-0448	667-0232
Allegan	Allegan County	Allegan	269	673-5411	673-2163	Leelanau	Benzie-Leelanau DHD	Lake Leelanau	231	256-0200	882-0143
Alpena	District 4	Alpena	989	356-4507	356-3529	Lenawee	Lenawee County	Adrian	517	264-5243	264-0790
Antrim	Health Dept. of NW MI	Bellaire	231	533-8670	547-6238	Livingston	Livingston County	Howell	517	546-9850	545-9685
Arenac	Cent MI DHD	Standish	989	846-6541	846-0431	Luce	LMAS DHD	Newberry	906	293-5107	293-5724
Baraga	Western UP Dist	L'Anse	906	524-6142	524-6144	Mackinac	LMAS DHD	St. Ignace	906	643-1100	643-0239
Barry	Barry-Eaton DHD	Hastings	269	798-4152	517-541-2666	Macomb	Macomb County	Mt. Clemens	586	783-8190	493-0075
Bay	Bay County	Bay City	989	895-2039	895-2083	Manistee	District 10	Manistee	231	723-3595	723-0150
Benzie	Benzie-Leelanau DHD	Benzonia	231	882-4409	882-0143	Marquette	Marquette County	Negaunee	906	475-7844	475-4435
Berrien	Berrien County	Benton Harbor	269	926-7121	926-8129	Mason	District 10	Ludington	231	845-7381	845-9374
Branch	Branch/Hills/St Jo	Coldwater	517	279-9561x105	278-2923	Mecosta	District 10	Big Rapids	231	592-0130	592-9464
Calhoun	Calhoun County	Battle Creek	269	969-6370	969-6488	Menominee	Delta-Men Dist	Menominee	906	863-4451	863-7142
Cass	Van Buren-Cass DHD	Dowagiac	269	782-0064	782-0121	Midland	Midland County	Midland	989	832-6666	837-6524
Charlevoix	Health Dept. of NW MI	Charlevoix	231	547-6523	547-6238	Missaukee	District 10	Lake City	231	839-7167	839-7908
Cheboygan	District 4	Cheboygan	231	627-8850	627-9466	Monroe	Monroe County	Monroe	734	240-7832	240-7838
Chippewa	Chippewa County	Sault Ste. Marie	906	635-1566	635-7081	Montcalm	Mid-MI DHD	Stanton	989	831-3615	831-3666
Clare	Cent MI DHD	Harrison	989	539-6731	539-4449	Montmorency	District 4	Atlanta	989	785-4428	734-3866
Clinton	Mid-MI DHD	St. Johns	989	227-3111	227-3126	Muskegon	Muskegon County	Muskegon	231	724-1287	724-1325
Crawford	District 10	Grayling	989	348-7800	348-5346	Newaygo	District 10	White Cloud	231	689-7300	689-5295
Delta	Delta-Men Dist	Escanaba	906	786-4111	789-8148	Oakland	Oakland County	Pontiac	248	858-1286	858-0178
Dickinson	Dick-Iron Dist	Kingsford	906	774-1868	779-7232	Oceana	District 10	Hart	231	873-2193	873-4366
Eaton	Barry-Eaton DHD	Charlotte	517	541-2641	541-2666	Ogemaw	District 2	West Branch	989	345-5020	343-1896
Emmet	Health Dept. of NW MI	Petoskey	231	347-6014	547-6238	Ontonagon	Western UP Dist	Ontonagon	906	884-4485	884-2358
Genesee	Genesee County	Flint	810	257-1017	257-3247	Osceola	Cent MI DHD	Reed City	231	832-5532	832-1020
Gladwin	Cent MI DHD	Gladwin	989	426-9431	426-6952	Oscoda	District 2	Mio	989	826-3970	343-1896
Gogebic	Western UP Dist	Bessemer	906	667-0200	667-0020	Otsego	Health Dept. of NW MI	Gaylord	989	732-1794	231-547-6238
Gd. Traverse	Grand Traverse Co	Traverse City	231	995-6125	995-6126	Ottawa	Ottawa County	Holland	616	396-5266	393-5767
Gratiot	Mid-MI DHD	Ithaca	989	875-1019	875-1032	Presque Isle	District 4	Rogers City	989	734-4723	785-2217
Hillsdale	Branch/Hills/St Jo	Hillsdale	517	437-7395x307	437-0166	Roscommon	Cent MI DHD	Prudenville	989	366-9166	366-8921
Houghton	Western UP Dist	Hancock	906	482-7382	482-9410	Saginaw	Saginaw County	Saginaw	989	758-3887	758-3888
Huron	Huron County	Bad Axe	989	269-9721	269-4181	St. Clair	St. Clair County	Port Huron	810	987-5300	985-4340
Ingham	Ingham County	Lansing	517	887-4308	887-4379	St. Joseph	Branch/Hills/St Jo	Three Rivers	269	273-2161x241	273-2452
Ionia	Ionia County	Ionia	616	527-5341	527-8208	Sanilac	Sanilac County	Sandusky	810	648-4098x162	648-5276
Iosco	District 2	Tawas City	989	362-6183	343-1896	Schoolcraft	LMAS DHD	Manistique	906	341-6951	341-5230
Iron	Dick-Iron Dist	Iron River	906	265-9913	265-4174	Shiawassee	Shiawassee County	Corunna	989	743-2355	743-2362
Isabella	Cent MI DHD	Mt. Pleasant	989	773-5921	773-4319	Tuscola	Tuscola County	Caro	989	673-8114	673-7490
Jackson	Jackson County	Jackson	517	768-1662	788-4256	Van Buren	Van Buren-Cass DHD	Hartford	269	621-3143	621-2725
Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo County	Kalamazoo	269	373-5267	373-5060	Washtenaw	Washtenaw County	Ypsilanti	734	544-6700	544-6706
Kalkaska	District 10	Kalkaska	231	258-8669	258-2805	Wayne (out-Wayne)	Wayne County	Wayne	734	727-7078	313-967-3044
Kent	Kent County	Grand Rapids	616	632-7228	632-7085	Detroit	Detroit City	Detroit	313	876-4000	877-9286
Keweenaw	Western UP Dist	Hancock	906	482-7382	482-9410	Wexford	District 10	Cadillac	231	775-9942	775-4127

### STATE OF MICHIGAN CONTACTS

Immunization Division  
Ph: 517-335-8159  
Fax: 517-335-9855

Communicable Disease Division  
Ph: 517-335-8165  
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Bureau of Laboratories  
Ph: 517-335-8063  
Fax: 517-335-9631

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COMMUNICABLE DISEASE AFTER HOURS CONTACT: (517) 335-9030

**Appendix 2:**

COVID-19 LHD Contact Number	
LHD	Phone Number
Allegan County Health Department	269-492-5139
Barry-Eaton District Health Department	517-541-2683
Bay County Health Department	989-895-2018
Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department	231-633-9544
Berrien County Health Department	269-927-5673
Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Health Department	517-964-0018
Calhoun County Health Department	269-969-6449
Central Michigan District Health Department	989-289-6445
Chippewa County Health Department	906-748-1485
City of Detroit Health Department	<a href="tel:313-355-4294">313-355-4294</a> 8 am – 9 pm only <a href="tel:313-550-4972">313-550-4972</a> 9 pm – 8 am only
Public Health Delta-Menominee	906-202-1356
Dickinson-Iron District Health Department	906-282-8919
District Health Department #2	989-387-1836
District Health Department #4	989-387-1836
District Health Department #10	231-878-0684
Genesee County Health Department	810-768-7974
Grand Traverse County Health Department	231-409-4731
Huron County Health Department	989-415-6259
Ingham County Health Department	517-342-9987
Ionia County Health Department	616-902-7759
Jackson County Health Department	517-787-7911
Kalamazoo County Health and Comm. Services Department	269-377-4962
Kent County Health Department	616-308-6837
Lapeer County Health Department	810-667-0292
Lenawee County Health Department	517-264-5255
Livingston County Health Department	517-546-9111
Luce-Mackinac-Alger-Schoolcraft Health Department	800-562-4832 Press #9
Macomb County Health Department	586-256-5142
Marquette County Health Department	906-322-2046
Mid-Michigan District Health Department	989-276-0260
Midland County Health Department	989-423-7900
Monroe County Health Department	734-243-7070
Muskegon County Public Health	231-740-5335
Northwest Michigan Health Department	800-432-4121
Oakland County Health Department	248-858-5300
Ottawa County Department of Public Health	616-994-7850
Saginaw County Department of Public Health	989-776-5444
St. Clair County Health Department	810-662-8319
Sanilac County Health Department	989-270-5889
Shiawassee County Health Department	989-743-2419
Tuscola County Health Department	989-415-6259
Van Buren-Cass District Health Department	269-268-6514
Washtenaw County Health Department	734-994-2911 Press #8
Wayne County Health Department	734-727-7285
Western Upper Peninsula Health Department	906-370-8685