

Government of West Bengal
Department of Health & Family Welfare

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Amended SOP for paying last respect to the Covid-19 deceased

Dead body disposal is a significant part of over-all management of Covid-19. It is important that infection control procedures should be followed from the public health point of view. The concerned health facility and other associated agencies shall ensure that the existing guidelines relating to dead body disposal are scrupulously followed. However, in order to ensure that the family members of deceased person are given an opportunity to pay their last respect, following will be the standard operating procedure to be followed strictly by every hospital dealing with covid patients:

- In the event of death of a patient, the hospital authorities shall inform the family members within one hour of death.
- A body cover with transparent face area shall be used. The body cover supplied earlier shall not be used.
- Mask and gloves will be provided to the family members by the concerned hospital after proper sanitization.
- The dead body should be kept at a suitable place for 30 minutes during which the family members shall be allowed to pay their last respects.

