

Government of West Bengal

Health & Family Welfare Department

Memo No : 80/Secy/HFW/2021

Dated: 05/05/2021.


**Reg: Modified SOP for the disposal of dead body of
Covid Positive Person.**

An SOP (vide no. 244/HFW/2020 dated 23.09.2020) of this department is already existent that allows dead body of Covid patients being handed over to the patient party, provided certain precautions are maintained.

In furtherance of the same, the following points are further added:

- i. The kins of the deceased patient may take the dead body to the identified crematorium/burial ground near the place of death or if they like so, may take the body to the native place or own locality of the deceased, but in this case the dead body has to be taken straight to the identified crematorium/ burial ground of that locality and not to anywhere else, with prior intimation to the Nodal Officer of the concerned ULB/Block for cremation/burial of Covid dead bodies.
The list of such Nodal Officers is available in www.wbhealth.gov.in>>Covid Guidelines.
- ii. The kins participating in the funeral should follow covid protocol.
- iii. Sometimes the patients are brought to the hospital in very late stage in moribund condition. Beside initiating treatment urgently, the RAT should be done immediately to know the Covid status so that in case of death the certificate can be issued at the earliest and body may be disposed accordingly.
- iv. Under no circumstances disposal of deadbody should be kept pending for the want of covid report. In all such cases, body should be disposed of following covid protocol.

All concerned should ensure that the above directions are followed properly.


Secretary, H&FW 05/05/2021