

# COVID-19 BASIC MEASURES

## FOR HEALTH 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. Health 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 it 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 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 food, drink, or eating and drinking utensils.**



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



**Policy and practice must uphold respect towards the deceased individuals and their families and should not undermine the dignity of the dead.**



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