

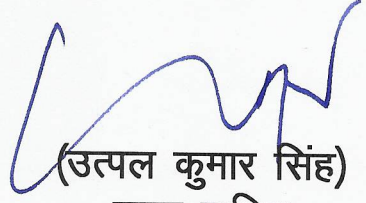
उत्तराखण्ड राज्य आपदा प्रबन्धन प्राधिकरण
सचिवालय परिसर, देहरादून
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आदेश

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SOPs FOR MANAGEMENT OF DEAD BODY (COVID-19) – LAST RITES

Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority
Government of Uttarakhand



The District Administration shall ensure that a mechanism is put in place for monitoring of the following activities during performance of last rites of Covid-19 related death at cremation/ burial grounds. In case of any violation, the District Administration shall ensure enforcement of concerned sections of Disaster Management Act, 2005, the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and IPC.

1. The District Administration shall ensure that the Next of Kin of the deceased have access right to dignified last rites adhering to the norms/ SOP of management of dead body issued by MoHFW, GoI and State Government (SOPs for Management of Dead bodies (COVID-19) – **Last Rites**).
2. Mechanism shall be put in place by District Administration, in coordination with the Health Authorities, to intimate the family members about death of the COVID-19 positive patient, as early as possible.
3. Every effort shall be made to ensure reliable documentation, avoiding any misidentification and undue mental trauma, for family members of the deceased.
4. The dead body would be properly sealed in a body bag and transported to the cremation/burial ground, as per the MoHFW guidelines, GoI.
5. In case the electric crematorium is used for cremation of dead bodies (Covid-19 infected), proper sanitisation of the crematorium and its surroundings shall be ensured, both prior to and after the conduct of rites.
6. Maximum of 20 relatives/ persons be permitted to attend the last rituals, subject to the condition that all norms of safety and social distancing as per MHA, MoHFW and State govt guidelines, shall be fully complied with. The relatives shall be allowed to see the face of the deceased, one at a time, and the bag be unzipped/ zipped by trained persons.
7. As far as possible, direct interaction of children less than 10 years of age, adults > 60 years, and persons associated with serious illnesses be avoided.
8. In case of burial, digging at the burial ground should be performed prior to the arrival of the body.
9. All religious rituals (bathing, reading from religious scriptures, sprinkling holy water and other last rites) shall be performed without touching the dead body and ensuring social distancing and other safety measures as per guidelines of state government and MoHFW, GoI.

10. The vehicle used for transportation of deceased shall be sanitized both prior to and after the transportation as per guidelines of MoHFW on sanitization of vehicles.
11. The vehicle used for transportation of relatives of deceased may be slightly modified using a transparent poly- sheet for segregating the driver's cabin to ensure safety of the driver/ helpers and relatives of deceased.
 - 11.1. All such vehicles deployed for transportation shall display Dos and Don'ts regarding Covid-19 awareness.
12. The permissible time limit/ restrictions as fixed in various districts by the concerned District Administrations shall be strictly complied with.
13. If more than one dead body is being handled at the crematorium or burial ground at a time, mechanism shall be put in place to maintain norms of safety and social distancing as per guidelines of MoHFW and State Government.
14. The family of the deceased shall be advised not to organise any social gathering for paying tributes, once the last rites are performed at the cremation ground/ burial ground.
15. After the funeral procedure, the ashes do not pose any risk. Hence, these can be collected by the relatives then and there/ later.
16. The District Administration in coordination with Health Authorities shall ensure proper psycho-social counselling for the close family members.
17. Arrangements shall be made by the district administration for proper removal and disposal of personal protective gears used by those attending the last rites.
18. Apart from this, the guidelines issued by the MoHFW, GoI on dated 15th March, 2020 on; a) the standard precautions to be followed by health care workers while handling dead bodies of COVID, b) training in infection and prevention control practices, c) removal of the body from the isolation room or area, d) environmental cleaning and disinfection, e) handling of dead body in Mortuary, f) embalming, g) autopsies on COVID-19 dead bodies, h) transportation and i) at the crematorium/ burial ground shall be strictly adhered to, by the District administration and concerned agencies.
