

දුරකථන) 0112669192 , 0112675011
தொலைபேசி) 0112698507 , 0112694033
Telephone) 0112675449 , 0112675280

ෆැක්ස්) 0112693866
பேக்ஸ்) 0112693869
Fax) 0112692913

විද්‍යුත් තැපෑල) postmaster@health.gov.lk
மின்னஞ்சல் முகவரி)
e-mail)

වෙබ් අඩවිය) www.health.gov.lk
இணையதளம்)
Website)



සුවසිරිපාය
சுவசிரிபாய

SUWASIRIPAYA

සෞඛ්‍ය අමාත්‍යාංශය
சுகாதார அமைச்சு
MINISTRY OF HEALTH

මගේ අංකය)
எனது இல) EPID/400/2019/ n-COV
My No.)
මගේ අංකය)
உமது இல)
Your No. :)
දිනය)
திகதி) 30 .09.2020
Date)

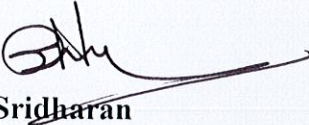
All Deputy Director Generals
Chief Epidemiologist
Director, Quarantine
Provincial Directors of Health Services
Regional Directors of Health Services
Directors/ Medical Superintendents of all Hospitals
Regional Epidemiologists
Medical Officers of Health
Judicial Medical Officers

Autopsy practices and disposal of human remains of deaths occurring in Sri Lanka during the mandatory quarantine period or extended quarantine period or home quarantine period in the phase of COVID-19 pandemic

Following measures should be adopted with regard to deaths occurring during the mandatory quarantine period or extended quarantine period or home quarantine period.

- Medical Officer confirming the death shall request an inquest if required, for deaths occurring during the **mandatory quarantine period of first 14 days or extended quarantine period**. All human remains where inquest is not requested or post mortem examination is not ordered by Inquirer into Sudden Death /Magistrate, shall be cremated irrespective of the result of PCR test, since it is considered as “suspected of COVID-19”. Method of disposal of human remains where post mortem was conducted, will be decided by the Magistrate/ Inquirer into Sudden Death, in consultation with Judicial Medical Officer (JMO).

- b. If the death has occurred during the **home quarantine period** (i.e: after mandatory quarantine period of first 14 days or extended quarantine period), Medical Officer confirming the death shall request an inquest if required. A PCR test should be ordered and if the PCR result is positive, human remains shall be cremated. If the PCR result is negative, routine disposal should be done by adhering to standard precautions. Method of disposal for human remains where post mortem was conducted, will be decided by the Magistrate/ Inquirer into Sudden Death, in consultation with JMO.


Dr S. Sridharan
Director General of Health Services (Covering up)

Dr S. Sridharan
Director General of Health Services (Covering Up)
Ministry of Health
"Suwasiripaya"
385, Rev. Baddegama Wimalawansa Thero Mawatha,
Colombo 10

Copies:

- Secretary, Ministry of Health
Secretary, Foreign Ministry
Secretary, Ministry of Justice -f. n. a.
Additional Secretary (PHS)/(MS), Ministry of Health
Attorney General
Inspector General of Police – f. n. a.
Head, National Operations Center for Prevention of COVID-19
Director (Preventive Medicine and Mental Health Services), Sri Lanka Army