



Information and Recommendations from Montgomery County Coroner's Office for Funeral Homes

- The Coroner's Office is prepared to collect and test (if needed) all deaths that occur outside of a facility.
 - For COVID-19 positive cases, the Coroner's Office will issue the death certificate, and contact the Funeral Home for pick up from temporary morgue facility, or hospital.
 - Temporary morgue facility is not yet operational, but will be located at the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety Emergency Operations Center (adjacent to Montgomery County Correctional Facility) at 50 Eagleville Road, Eagleville, PA 19403.
 - For COVID-19 pending results, the Coroner's Office will store the body at the temporary morgue, or at the hospital until test results are received.
- Please refer to the National Funeral Directors Association or Pennsylvania Funeral Directors Association for specific instructions on body removal and meetings.
- We strongly recommend using a body bag on all bodies, from beginning to end of service. The Coroner's Office uses 7mil vinyl body bags. The outside of the body bag must be disinfected immediately after the body is placed inside with an EPA confirmed product. Keep the opening of the bag to a minimum.
- Personal Protective Equipment should be worn at all times when handling all bodies.
- Embalming should be kept to only necessary occasions.
- Remember that this virus may be more wide spread than actually known. You should treat every body as if they are a potential for the spread of the virus.
- Please contact the Coroner's Office immediately if you think we are not involved with a death that requires investigation or testing.
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