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**Coronavirus (COVID-19):
what you need to do**

Stay at home

- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home

Do not meet others, even friends or family.

You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.

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[Coronavirus guide for clinicians and NHS managers \(NHS England\)](#) A Collection of guidance for primary, secondary and community health, social care, mental health trusts and ambulance services also includes a key document for palliative care, including what to do at the time of death.

[Coronavirus Act – excess death provisions: information and guidance for medical practitioners \(NHS England\)](#) Guidance for doctors regarding changes to completion of medical certificates of cause of death, and form Cremation 5 introduced by the Coronavirus Act published 31 March 2020.

[Methods of Decontamination](#)

[Control of Substances Hazardous to Health \(COSHH\)](#)

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[Managing infection risks when handling the deceased](#) Guidance for the mortuary, post-mortem room and funeral premises, and during exhumation. This does not cover COVID-19 specifically but details standard infection control and transmission- based precautions that should be followed.

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[Completing a medical certificate of cause of death](#)

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[Chief Coroner's Guidance, Advice and Law Sheets to coroners](#) Relevant guidance: Guidance No. 34: Chief Coroner's Guidance for coroners on Covid-19, Guidance No. 35: Hearings during a pandemic and Guidance No, 36: Summary of the Coronavirus Act 2020, provisions relevant to coroners.

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