

COVID-19 Death Certification

No Discussion with Procurator Fiscal (PF) Unless:

Standard Criteria for PF Referral:

Death that are suspicious, drug-related, accidental including in the course of employment, with possibility of suicide, as a result of neglect/fault, in children from overlaying or suffocation or where COVID-19 is not presumed cause, from other notifiable/infectious diseases, under medical or dental care associated with fault/failure/complaint/adverse event, subject to compulsory treatment under mental health legislation, in legal custody

Significant Uncertainty

Practitioner unable to satisfy himself/herself on the balance of probabilities of the likely cause of death

May lead to advice to complete MCCD/Form 11 or PF accepting the reporting of the death with investigation +/- post mortem examination

Diagnostic

Completion of Certificate (MCCD/Form 11):

Confirmed COVID-19

Cause of Death (1 (a)/(b)/(c): includes

"COVID-19 Disease"

Hazards (DH1): *Does the body of the deceased pose a risk to public health...?*

Yes (Tick)

Presumed COVID-19

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"Presumed COVID-19 Disease"

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Yes (Tick)

Extra Information (X) *I may be able to supply the registrar with additional information:*

Communication with Registrar and Family:

1. Discuss with family:
 - a. check which Registry office they prefer and give Registry office phone number
 - b. complete C19 Death Registration form documenting family's preferred Registry office
2. Send completed death certificate and C19 Death Registration form to Mortuary who will scan and email to registry office
3. Post Bereavement Pack to Family

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