



Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) for safe burial of COVID-19 suspect/confirmed cases by burial team

Purpose: The primary purpose of the Standard Operational Procedures (SOPs) is to provide operational guidance for burial team(s) that will be handling dead body of COVID-19 suspect/confirmed cases

Steps

When handling of dead bodies:

- Avoid direct contact with blood or body fluids from the dead body.
- Observe strict personal hygiene and put on appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) including gloves, water repellent gown and surgical masks. Use goggles or face shield to protect eyes, if there may be splashes.
- Make sure any wounds are covered with waterproof bandages or dressings.
- Do NOT smoke, drink or eat.
- Do NOT touch your eyes, mouth or nose.
- Remove personal protective equipment after handling of the dead body. Then, wash hands with liquid soap and water immediately.

Environmental precautions

- Make sure that supply of disposable gloves, protective equipment, alcohol-based hand rub and disinfectant such as household bleach is readily available.
- After use, the disposable items such as gloves and protective clothing should be disposed of in a plastic bag.
- Linen contaminated with blood or body fluids should be laundered in a washing machine with hot washing cycle ($>70^{\circ}\text{C}$), otherwise, they should be soaked in freshly prepared "1 in 49 diluted household bleach" for 30 minutes before washing.

- All surfaces which may be contaminated should be wiped with “1 in 49 diluted household bleach”, leave it for 15-30 minutes, and then rinse with water. Metal surfaces could be wiped with 70% alcohol.
- Surfaces visibly contaminated with blood and body fluids should be wiped with “1 in 4 diluted household bleach”, leave it for 10 minutes, and then rinse with water.

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