

# Funeral Guidance – CT

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## **COVID-19 VICTIMS**

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In February of this year, the Department of Public Health added the Coronavirus to Connecticut's list of reportable (communicable) diseases. Funeral directors are reminded of the following requirements when dealing with a person who dies from COVID-19:

1. Within 12-hours after being called to take charge of a human body dead from COVID-19, the funeral director must report the case to the local director of health and the body must be prepared by being washed with a disinfecting solution or embalmed or wrapped;
2. Funerals of persons dead from COVID-19 virus must be conducted in such a manner that the family and public shall have no opportunity to come into contact with the body; and
3. The licensed embalmer who has charge of the body dead from COVID-19 must take the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of the infection, and must instruct the owner of the building or the family in which the death occurs, or both, that it is unlawful to remove any infectious materials, clothing, instrument or thing until thoroughly disinfected by combustion, by boiling for at least ten (10) minutes or by thorough saturation or immersion in a disinfecting solution for at least two (2) hours.