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Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Health & Family Welfare

To

All the District Magistrate,
Himachal Pradesh

Dated: Shimla-2, the


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Subject:- Regarding putting in place standard operating protocol for handling and disposal of dead bodies of COVID-19 patients.

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to address you on the subject cited above and to say that with the wide spread of COVID-19 across the world and to manage the disposal of dead bodies of the persons unfortunately succumbing to the disease, in a scientific yet humane, dignified and respectful manner as per the prevalent religious beliefs. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India has issued detailed guidelines for the dead body management which have been further circulated vide letter No.: NHMHP-IDSP/1/2020-IDSP-Section-National Health Mission-HP-Part (3) dated 18-03-2020. Attention is also invited to guidelines issued by NDMA in 2010 regarding management of the dead in the aftermath of disasters.

In this context, you are requested to activate the Incident Response System as provided for in the guidelines circulated by the NDMA. It must further be ensured that the guidelines formulated by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India regarding the handling of dead bodies of COVID-19 affected persons are followed to prevent the transmission of the infection. The District Disaster Management Authorities may devise their own SOPs in this context and it should be ensured that the handling and disposal of dead bodies is as per the guidelines.


Addl. Chief Secretary (Health) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

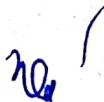
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1. The Director, Urban Development, Himachal Pradesh.
2. The Director, Rural Development, Himachal Pradesh.
3. The Special Secretary(Health) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh
4. All the Medical Superintendent/ Chief Medical Officers of the State with the direction to ensure availability of proper mortuary facilities in their districts/ institutions and adherence to the protocol notified by the Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.
5. Guard file.


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