

Bereavement Covid-19

Please note that since the publishing of bereavement booklets, many temporary practical changes have been introduced due to Covid-19.

This covering sheet has been designed to help you through the difficult and distressing time after the death of a relative or friend. It aims to give you current practical help and guidance with some of the arrangements you will need to make due to your recent bereavement. The rest of the bereavement booklet contains additional information and support, but please note the changes on this covering sheet.

- Covid-19 patient's deaths are not reportable to the Coroner. However, sometimes it may be necessary to report a death to the Coroner before the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD) can be given. In these circumstances all communication will be undertaken through the Coroner's Office on 0121 303 3920.
- The Coroner will decide either that:
 - a post-mortem examination does not need to take place, in which case they will notify the Registrar of this, using a Form A and the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death will be issued; or
 - a post-mortem examination will need to take place, in which case they will instruct a Pathologist (a highly trained doctor) to perform this.
- The MCCD that is needed to register the death will be scanned by the CARES Officers and sent to the Registry Office.
- Please contact the CARES Office at City Hospital on 0121 507 4638 as you will then need to complete a "pre-registration of death" form, which you can complete on the Birmingham City Council website.
- Once we have been sent this, please use our use our online form to confirm your contact details. You will then be contacted by telephone to complete the registration as soon as possible. The form can be found here:
<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/xfp/form/706>
- Death Certificates are £11 each and they can be purchased once the registration is complete by using a debit/credit card.
- Unfortunately, viewing of the deceased will not be possible at the Mortuary.



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