



Update on Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Operating Status during COVID-19 Emergency

What is our operating status?

Along with the rest of District government, our agency remains operational. We will continue to provide services as usual, with the exception of Fatality Review Committee and Board meetings.

How does this impact what we do?

- **Request for Documents** - no changes. Requests for documents will be processed as normal.
- **Application for Cremation, Anatomical Donation or Burial at Sea Approval** - no changes. Applications will be processed as normal.
- **Authorization for Release of Decedents Form** - no changes. Applications will be processed as normal.
- **Death Investigation and Certification Services** - no changes. Applications will be processed as normal.
- **Public Disposition Services** - no changes. Applications will be processed as normal.
- **Fatality Review Services** - Fatality Review Committees & Boards will not meet until further notice.

How does this impact our physical locations?

The Agency remains opens as follows:

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, except holidays

Next-of-kin Identification: Monday - Friday, 10:00 am - 4:30 pm, except holidays

Funeral Director: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm, except holidays

What precautions are we taking to limit the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19)?

Our employees are taking precautions to keep themselves healthy and limit the spread of infections like regularly washing their hands, cleaning facilities more frequently, and reducing close contact with each other and residents. Administrative employees are teleworking to reduce contact among all employees. Employees have been asked to let their supervisor know immediately if they feel sick.

Where should you go if you have questions?

For questions about any of the services we provide and information on any future changes, please contact us at 202-698-9000 or ocme.dc.gov. For more information, please visit coronavirus.dc.gov.