

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
DISPUR :: GUWAHATI-6**

No.HLA. 301/2020/53

Dated Dispur, the 2nd July 2020

ORDER

Reports have been received about few instances where there has been delay in disposal of dead bodies in hospitals, due to process of taking samples for COVID-19 testing.

The Health & Family Welfare Department has therefore decided that swab samples should be taken after death only if a person had demonstrated COVID-19 symptoms.

In case of death occurring in hospitals due to known causes (non-COVID-19), such as cardiac arrest, trauma etc., there is no requirement for taking swab samples from the dead person. However, as a matter of abundant precaution, in such cases also, the handing over the dead body to next of kin and cremation/ burial thereafter should be carried out with full precautions.



(Samir K. Sinha, IAS)

Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam
Health & Family Welfare Department

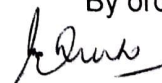
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1. Chief Secretary, Assam.
2. Director General of Police, Assam.
3. Additional Chief Secretary, Home & Political Departments.
4. Shri G P Singh, IPS, ADGP (L&O)
5. Shri Harmeet Singh, IPS, ADGP (S)
6. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam.
7. Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department.
8. Mission Director, National Health Mission, Assam.
9. All Deputy Commissioners / Sub-Divisional Officers (Civil).
10. All Superintendents of Police
11. DME/ DHS, Assam.
12. All Principals/ Superintendents, Medical College Hospital.
13. All Joint Directors of Health Services, Assam.
14. P.S. to Hon'ble Minister, Health & F.W. Department
15. P.S. to Hon'ble Ministers of State, Health & F.W. Department
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