**Completion of Death Certificate:**

Swab Covid POSITIVE:

Document cause of death as Covid 19, along with underlying comorbidities that increased mortality risk.

Unknown status:

- If symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 (dyspnea, cough, rapid respiratory decline) and known or likely exposure (e.g. known case in family, LTC care facility) document cause of death as COVID-19 (include comorbidities as above).

- If symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 with no known or likely exposure, or swab is pending at time of death, contact coroner for review and information.

- If patient had advanced underlying disease where death was not surprising, document cause of death as primary illness (e.g. cancer, renal failure) regardless of respiratory symptoms at end of life in keeping with current practice.

Swab COVID-19 NEGATIVE:

Follow normal procedures for completion of a death certificate.

**Funeral Homes:**

Funeral homes have established protocols, there are no concerns or changes in these for burial or cremation, including removing the deceased from home/non-acute facilities.

For patients at home, expected death in the home form can be used, including when COVID-19 is cause of death.