

Compliance and Integrity

Compliance Communication of Regulatory Requirements

WI Death Certificates Must be Signed Within 48 Hours for Deaths Caused by COVID-19

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Summary

The high volume of deaths caused by COVID-19 is straining the resources necessary for the safe and respectful disposition of human remains. To preserve and strengthen these essential systems, physicians responsible for signing death certificates are now required to complete the signature within 48 hours for all cases when COVID-19 is the underlying cause of death. Effective: Immediately

Resources

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIDHS/bulletins/2b1e7c3>

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/news/mortuary-services.pdf>