



The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs
REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

POLICY FOR REGISTERING A COVID – 19 RELATED DEATH

The Registrar General's Department wishes to advise members of the public that revised procedures have been implemented for registering a COVID-19 related death.

Registering a COVID-19 Related Death

Where a person's death is COVID-19 related, persons or relatives who live in the household with the deceased, or relatives who have had contact with the deceased, would be subject to the Ministry of Health's quarantine procedures. As such, it would not be possible for persons falling in these categories to conduct the registration in the usual way within the required five (5) days period.

In accordance with The Births and Deaths Registration Act, Chap. 44:01, Section 26, set out A Care Home, Hospital and Funeral Home can qualify as an informant under the category of "a person taking charge of the body."

Face to face appointments with the Registrars may be limited given the nature of the registration procedure, however, the Care Home, Funeral Home Director, a relative or friend who has NOT had contact with the deceased could give notice to the District Registrar via telephone of the intention to Register a COVID-19 death. That person will thereafter present themselves at the respective District Registrars' Office to conduct the registration.

The original Medical Cause of Death document, Identification and Birth Certificate is required to be presented to the District Registrar. In the instance where the ID and Birth Certificate may have been at a place of exposure and to avoid any contact tracing, photo copies can be made and supplied with the original Medical Cause of Death document.

We thank you for the continued cooperation and understanding and encourage members of the public to stay safe by adhering to all Covid-19 Protocols.