

GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND
DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
NAGALAND::KOHIMA

No: DHFW/COVID-19/2019-20/5264-69

Dated Kohima, the 09th Aug 2020.

ORDER

Sub: Guidance for appropriate recording of COVID-19 related deaths.

Correct reporting and registration of cause death plays a very important role in proper health program planning and national development. In this unfolding crisis of COVID-19 pandemic, mortality surveillance becomes a very important public health tool to assess the impact of the viral infection.

Whereas, the COVID-19 Death Review Committee at State and District Level have been constituted to ascertain the cause, circumstances leading to the deaths and appropriate reporting of such deaths as per ICMR and ICD-10 protocol vide No: DHFW/COVID-19/2019-20/ 5481-83 Dated 28th July 2020.

Whereas, it has been observed that Attending Doctors and Hospital Authorities are not properly maintaining the clinical history and records of the patient(s) in accordance with the existing Guidelines, leading to difficulty in ascertaining the cause of death.


Therefore, the undersigned in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 17 of the Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations 2020, hereby issues the Guidance for appropriate recording of COVID-19 related deaths, as annexed, for strict adherence & compliance by all concerned Attending Doctors and Hospital Authorities with immediate effect.

The above mentioned Guidance for appropriate recording of COVID-19 related deaths in India issued by ICMR/NCDIR as well as Physician's Manual on Medical Certification of Cause of Death issued by the Registrar General & Census Commissioner, India can be downloaded from the link given below:

- https://www.ncdirindia.org/Downloads/CoD_COVID-19_Guidance.pdf
- http://censusindia.gov.in/2011-Documents/mccd_Report1/Physician's_Manual_MCCD.pdf

2. Any violation or non-compliance of this order and all other safety and preventive measures issued by the State Government from time to time in connection with COVID-19 pandemic, shall be liable to be prosecuted as per the provision of Section 21 of the Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations 2020.

For any queries, kindly contact Dr. Taku Jamir, CMO (SAG), NU, Meriema & Member of State COVID-19 Death Review Committee @ Mob No: 70860 09048 Email: takujamir@gmail.com.


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1. The Deputy Secretary to the Chief Secretary, Nagaland for kind information.
2. The Principal Secretary, Home Department for kind information.
3. The Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department for kind information.
4. The Mission Director (NHM)/ Director (H)/ Director (FW)/ PD (NSACS)/ PD (NHP) for information and necessary action.
5. The Deputy Commissioner/ Chief Medical Officer/ Medical Superintendent of all districts for information and necessary action.
6. Dr. Taku Jamir, CMO (SAG), NU, Meriema & Member of State COVID-19 Death Review Committee for information and necessary action.
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