

Mortality Review

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- Standard process is:
 1. Every death with a linked confirmed positive SARS CoV2 test is reviewed
 2. Regional Epidemiologist or Public Health Nurse completes form in National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS) from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
 3. Sources of information include: clinical records, testing results, clinician and/or coroner, family interviews, and death certificates
 4. Information collected is reviewed by Mortality Team at Department for Public Health and determination made

Mortality Review Group

- An internal work group of eleven healthcare, epidemiology, and vital statistics professionals, including three physicians
- Meets every Wednesday to review deaths that are unable to be assigned as COVID-19 related or non-COVID-19 related by standard review processes by regional and state epidemiology team members
- Reviews the information that was available to Mortality Team and additional information; nursing and physician progress notes, additional laboratory tests, death/discharge summaries
- Group reaches consensus on assignment to COVID-19 related or non-COVID-19 related status and makes recommendations to the Deputy Commissioner, Clinical Affairs, for Public Health
- Sought second opinion from (CDC) when clear consensus could not be reached