**COVID-19**

**HANDLE WITH CARE**

**MANAGING THE BODIES OF DECEASED COVID-19 PATIENTS**

**GUIDANCE FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS**

- **Perform hand hygiene**
  Whenever in contact with the deceased or their surroundings

- **Wear personal protective equipment (PPE)**
  Gloves, surgical mask, long-sleeved gown, and face shield or goggles

- **Wrap the body in cloth or any other material for transfer**
  Body bags are not necessary

- **Move the body to the mortuary room as soon as possible**
  Keep handling and movement of the body to a minimum

- **Make sure the transport team is wearing PPE**
  Gloves, surgical mask, long-sleeved gown, and face shield or goggles

  **Note:** No special vehicle is required for transporting the body

*In case of aerosol-generating procedures (e.g., extubation or autopsy), use N-95 or equivalent respirator. Otherwise, facial protection is needed only if there is a risk of splashes from the patient’s body fluids or secretions onto the body or face of the staff member.*