**Care of a deceased patient due to covid 19/suspected covid 19:**

* Latest guidance from Infection control is that deceased patients do not need to be double bagged
* Normal processes for any patient who has had infection should apply.
* Please remember to specify CAUSE OF DEATH, as covid 19 +ve OR query covid 19, on the death notice placed on the body bag to alert mortuary teams.

**Information for relatives:**

* The mortuary team will not be supporting viewings of deceased patients after death at the present time. Viewings will take place, if required, once at the funeral directors.
* Families should be told the bereavement office will make contact with them on the next working day.
* Families who have been in contact with deceased relatives who are covid 19 +ve should follow the Public Health England recommendations for self-isolation and should not be coming to the hospital to collect the Medical Cause of Death certificate. If possible, an alternative family member who is not required to self-isolate should be identified, and their name and contact details made available to the bereavement office on the next working day.