



OKLAHOMA FUNERAL BOARD

April 10, 2020

Dear Colleague,

As I mentioned in the board meeting yesterday, the Oklahoma State Department of Health was working towards language to require all hospitals, long term care facilities, nursing homes, hospices and related facilities to notify funeral directors and funeral homes when a decedent has tested positive with COVID-19. This directive was signed by Commissioner Gary Cox, J.D. and is effective immediately. I have attached the two page directive with this email.

If your funeral home receives an in-home "death call" and the patient was not under hospice care or the care of an attending physician, please notify your local law enforcement before proceeding to the residence. Chances are your local law enforcement is engaged with the in-home death before the funeral home is contacted; however, for the safety of all involved please make that phone call to be certain.

In closing I wish each of you a very Happy Easter and I thank you for your service to your respective communities and the great state of Oklahoma. Be smart and be safe.

Sincerely,

Chad Vice
President
Oklahoma Funeral Board