

# YORK COUNTY CORONER

## YORK COUNTY ANNEX

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Effective immediately, the York County Coroner’s Office is requesting that EMS, Hospice and funeral homes report all at-home deaths suspected for COVID-19 to the Coroner so that we can screen to determine if we are responding, testing and completing the death certificate. (In general, we have been asking that at-home deaths be reported to us for the last several years, so that they can be screened for possible past trauma.) After the death is reported, the Coroner will screen and determine if they need to respond, and if COVID-19 testing needs to be done, and if so, they will complete it at the scene, as indicated. The Coroner’s Office will be doing the death certificate on all positive COVID-19 deaths outside a facility. We believe by our screening, possibly responding and testing, this will give a better indicator of any actual positive COVID-19 deaths in our community that occur outside a facility which will help minimize the spread of this virus.

According to the PA Coroner’s Statute 1218B, it is required that any death in York County known or suspected to be due to a contagious disease or constituting a public hazard be reported to our office.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

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