

Death Certification Review Service

Guidance for doctors completing MCCD for confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 in Scotland

- The preferred terminology is: COVID-19 Disease
- If the disease is suspected but not confirmed, you may write: Presumed COVID-19 disease
- Put any co-morbidities that have contributed to the death in Part 2 of the MCCD
- Tick YES to the DH1 hazard box, as COVID-19 is a notifiable disease
- There is a suspension on the requirement to report COVID-19 deaths to the Procurator Fiscal. Thus, deaths from COVID-19 do **NOT** currently need to be reported to the Procurator Fiscal (unless there would be another reason for reporting the death to the Procurator Fiscal based on their guidelines). This decision will be reviewed in summer 2020
- This requirement to report for another reason includes any death due to COVID-19 or presumed COVID-19 in the following situations:

 (a) where the deceased was resident in a care home (this includes residential homes for adults, the elderly and children) when
 - the virus was contracted or
 - (b) where to the best of the certifying doctor's knowledge, there are reasonable grounds to suspect that the deceased may have contracted the virus in the course of their employment or occupation. Whilst not exhaustive, this may include deaths of care home workers, frontline NHS staff, emergency services personnel and public transport workers.
- Tick the extra information box if you have outstanding results (for example, virology) which may change the MCCD at a later date. Otherwise, leave this box blank

If you have any further questions, please contact DCRS on 0800 123 1898 or dcrs@nhs24.scot.nhs.uk

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Maternal Deaths (tick if applicable)

M1 Death during pregnancy or within 42 days of the pregnancy ending

M2 Death between 43 days and 12 months after the end of pregnancy

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