

## **COVID-19 REPORT**

Managing Residents Death in LTC (MRD-LTC) begins on Tuesday, April 14, at 8:00 AM. This systemic process from the Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario (OCCO) replaces the requirement for the physician, nurse practitioner or RN(EC) to go the home and sign the Medical Certificate of Death. The purpose is to expedite the removal of the deceased resident from the home during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each home will have a Managing Resident Death Team (MRDT) to inform staff on completion of the Managing Resident Death Report (MRDR). This includes an updated Institutional Patient Death Record (IPDR). The OCCO will complete the Medical Certificate of Death (MCOD). If the local coroner needs to be involved, the OCCO will make the contact.

Information about Managing Resident Death was provided through four webinars, through the OCCO, over the four previous days, April 9 – 12. Invitations were sent to all the Executive Directors and administrators of LTC Homes. A link was also provided with OLTCC COVID-19 Report. The OCCO also provided a webinar for the provincial funeral home providers. The OCCO will provide an updated Q&A report later today.

Here is what you need to know:

- There is no requirement to complete MCOB.
- The nurse will need to know the cause of death and underlying conditions in order to complete the MRDR, and possible assistance to answer questions of the IPDR.
- This expedited process is to be completed within three hours of death. Be prepared for calls during the night.
- The physician or NP is providing clinical information, not certifying death. This is done by the OCCO.
- Although unlikely, assure contact information for the clinician in case the OCCO needs to contact her or him for more information.
- The Medical Director may need to assist in assuring timely coverage by the clinicians.
- MRDR is for all deaths that occur in LTC during the pandemic.