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## Memorandum

**To:** NHA Member CEOs

**From:** Laura J. Redoutey, FACHE

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Laura J. Redoutey'.

**Date:** April 23, 2020

**Subject:** Conversation with Nebraska Funeral Homes

Good afternoon NHA Member CEOs,

As you are aware Nebraska is anticipating a surge in COVID 19 hospitalizations over the next two weeks. Tom Williams, MD with the Nebraska DHHS and Paul Seger, President-elect of the Nebraska Funeral Directors Association have asked that I advise you that there is a shortage of “body bags” which are used to transport bodies from the hospital to the funeral home. Instead, there is a process for wrapping bodies so that transmission of disease will be avoided. A video of the process has been developed and this is the link <https://youtu.be/p4iJa4diteU> . Please be in contact with your local funeral home to discuss this procedure which may be utilized within your hospital.

Additionally, you are asked to assure that a physician signs the death certificate in a timely manner, preferably within 24 hours, so that bodies may be transferred expeditiously to the funeral home. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Williams at 402-471-4377 or [thomas.williams@nebraska.gov](mailto:thomas.williams@nebraska.gov).

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