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Dear Dr Perry

It is strongly encouraged medical practitioners report all COVID-19 related deaths to Queensland Health. To assist medical practitioners and other health professionals reporting COVID-19 deaths, Queensland Health, in consultation with the Coroners Court of Queensland, Australian Bureau of Statistics, and the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, has developed the attached guidance document - *All you need to know about recording and reporting COVID-19 deaths*.

The key information includes:

- Defining COVID-19 deaths;
- Recording a COVID-19 death on a Medical Certificate Cause of Death, including:
  - differentiating deaths 'from' COVID-19 and deaths 'with' COVID-19; and
  - the correct terminology to use when reporting a death;
- Reporting COVID-19 deaths to the Coroner – noting not all COVID-19 deaths are reportable;
- Reporting a COVID-19 death to Queensland Health;
  - Providing key demographic information on the individual, including First Nations status.
- Reporting deaths associated with COVID-19 vaccinations.

To support timeliness, accuracy and consistency reporting COVID-19 deaths I would appreciate you sharing this information with your networks.

For specific enquires regarding reporting COVID-19 deaths to Queensland Health, please contact [COVID-19.death.notifications@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:COVID-19.death.notifications@health.qld.gov.au).

For all other general enquiries in relation to this matter, please contact Ms Susannah Littleton, Manager, Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Service, Clinical Excellence Queensland, on telephone (07) 3328 9894 or via email [Patient\\_Safety\\_Notifications@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Patient_Safety_Notifications@health.qld.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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