

# Mortuary Plan

## **Prepandemic Period**

- q Assure adequate supply of body bags
- q Determine temporary morgue facilities; refrigeration if needed
  - Establish contact with trucking companies – consider contracts
  - Plan on where to place truck – consider power /diesel fuel requirements
  - Address security concerns
  - Explore potential local storage facilities (Bass building)
- q Plan for rapid removal and disposition of bodies
- q Transportation of bodies
  - Licensed vs. non-licensed transportation.
  - Who can transport in emergency?
- q Infection control
  - Use of body bags
  - Gloves and mask on body for transport
- q Pre-determined Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with local morticians and Franklin County Emergency Management Agency (FCEMA)
- q Establish list of local funeral homes and crematories
- q Keep on-going record of associated costs involved in mortuary issues

## **Maine Level I**

*(Alert period)*

- q Establish contracts for storage of bodies

## **Maine Level II & III**

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- q Confirm areas for body storage

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- q Using Incident Command System, assign responsibility for removal and transport of bodies

## **Maine Level IV**

*(Increased and sustained transmission in the general population)*

- q Cooperate with local funeral homes in the ultimate disposition of all bodies

**Post-Pandemic Period (Maine Level V)**

*(Evidence of influenza activity returned to pre-pandemic level)*

- q Cancel contracts as appropriate, keeping in mind the potential for a second-wave of Pandemic Influenza.
- q Explore reimbursement from local, state and federal sources for cost associated with emergency mortuary services.
- q Review plan and adjust per recommendations.