



Texas Department of State Health Services

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Disaster-Related Mortality Surveillance Form

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Complete one form per decedent

Part I Deceased information

Form section containing questions 1-13 regarding deceased information, including name, date of birth, residence, ethnicity, race, gender, date of death, and place of death.

Part II Probable Cause and Circumstance of death (check one that best applies)

Form section containing questions 14-19 regarding probable cause and circumstance of death, including injury, illness, manner/intent, and relationship to disaster.

Part III Reporting Person and Agency

Form section containing questions for reporting person and agency, including contact person, agency, telephone, and date report completed.

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(General instructions for completion of mortality form)

Deceased Information	<p>Q1. Case/ Medical record number— As appears in facility record</p> <p>Q2. Names: First, Middle, and Last name</p> <p>Q3. Date of birth — Date of birth in MM/DD/YY format</p> <p>Q4. Age in years— Age in years, if age is less than one year please check the appropriate box</p> <p>Q5. Residence of decedent— Decedent’s address, city, and state of residence</p> <p>Q6. Ethnicity— Hispanic or non-Hispanic category</p> <p>Q7. Race: Select one or more of the racial category.</p> <p>Q8. Gender— Male, female</p> <p>Q9a. Date of death— Date of death in MM/DD/YY format</p> <p>Q9b. Time of death— Enter the exact or estimated time and minute according to 24- hour clock</p> <p>Q10. Date of body recovery: Date body taken from place of death in MM/DD/YY format.</p> <p>Q11. Place of death or body recovery— Place where deceased was physically located at the time of death. Indicate either location of death or location of body recovery by circling “death” or “body recovery.”</p> <p>Q12. Location of death— City, county, and state of death. Indicate either location of death or location of body recovery by circling “death” or “body recovery.”</p> <p>Q13. — Refers to work related deaths, this include volunteers deployed for disaster response.</p>
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Cause and Circumstance of Death	<p>Q14. Cause of death/ injury: Record the mechanism that best describes the death. Record other and specify if the cause is not listed, but is known.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drowning— Includes but not limited to accidental drowning while in natural/flood water or following fall into natural/flood water. ▪ Electrocution—Includes but not limited to exposure to electric transmission lines or other unspecified electric current. ▪ Lightning—Includes death related to thunder or lightning ▪ Motor vehicle occupant/driver—Identify if driver or occupant. Includes collisions relating to land transport accidents (e.g., car, motorcycle) ▪ Pedestrian/bicyclist struck by vehicle—Includes collisions involving non-motorized road users with motorized vehicles during the disaster period. ▪ Structural collapse—Includes but not limited to building or shelter collapse ▪ Fall—includes but not limited to falls on same level from slipping or tripping; falls involving ice and snow; falls from trees, bed, stairs, roofs, ladders, etc. ▪ Cut/ struck by object/tool—Includes but not limited to contact or collision with inanimate objects that results in physical damage and causes death ▪ Poisoning/ toxin exposure— Includes accidental poisoning by and exposure to liquids or gases and ingestion of drugs or substances. ▪ Suffocation— Includes but not limited to mechanical or oxygen depleted environment ▪ Burn- Includes but not limited to chemical, fire, hot object or substances contact ▪ Firearm/gunshot— Firearm injuries, including self-inflicted ▪ Heat related injury—Includes excessive heat as the cause of heat stroke, hyperthermia, dehydration or others ▪ Cold related injury—Includes excessive cold as the cause of hypothermia <p>Q15. Cause of death/ illness— Record the cause that best describes the disease process. If other, please specify.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Neurological disorders—Includes but not limited to CNS infectious disease, seizure disorder, intracerebral hemorrhage, cerebral infarction and stroke ▪ Respiratory illness or disease—Includes but not limited to COPD, pneumonia, asthma and pulmonary embolism ▪ Cardiovascular illness or disease—Includes but not limited to atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, heart failure ▪ Renal failure—Includes kidney failure and other disorders of the renal system ▪ GI and endocrine—Includes but not limited to upper and lower GI bleeding, jaundice, hepatoma and pancreas ▪ Sepsis—Includes systemic infection ▪ Allergic reaction— Topical or systemic reaction including anaphylactic shock <p>Q16. Cause of death:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Confirmed—If the cause of death was certain and confirmed by a ME/justice of the peace ▪ Probable—If there is uncertainty to confirm the case ▪ Pending—If the case is subject for further investigation <p>Q17. Relationship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Direct —refers to a death caused by the environmental force of the disaster (e.g., wind, rain, floods, or earthquakes) or by the direct consequences of these forces (e.g., structural collapse, flying debris). ▪ Indirect— refers to unsafe or unhealthy conditions, or conditions that cause a loss or disruption of usual services that contributed to the death. Unsafe or unhealthy conditions may include but are not limited to hazardous road conditions, contaminated water supplies, scattered debris. Disruptions of usual services may include but are not limited to utilities, transportation, environmental protection, medical care or police/fire. ▪ Possible— refers to a death that occurred in the disaster-affected area during the disaster period. The cause of death appears to be directly-related or indirectly-related to the event but for which there is inadequate information available to make that determination at the time of recovery. ▪ Unrelated— refers to a death with no relationship to the disaster <p>Q18. Manner/intent of death—Record the category that best describes the manner/intent of death</p> <p>Q19. Circumstances of death— Describe, in free text, the circumstances of the death; what happened?</p>
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Reporting Person/ Agency	<p>Contact Person and Telephone: Name of reporting person and telephone</p> <p>Agency: Agency that provided the information</p> <p>Date report completed: Date of the mortality form completed in MM/DD/YY format</p>
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