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To: All Funeral Home Representatives

From: Lois A. Gonzalez   
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Francisco Ratto   
Interim Acting Morgue Supervisor

Date: July 20, 2020

Re: Updated Body Release Procedures

Our office will be available for body release during scheduled hours only. Please see attachment.

Beginning August 3, 2020, an appointment will be required during the updated body release hours. Appointments can be requested by emailing the body release office at [body.release@doh.nj.gov](mailto:body.release@doh.nj.gov) with a date and time. The office will confirm the date and time by email or suggest an alternate time.

If you miss your appointment, you will be required to make a new appointment.

When emailing your anticipated date and time, please also include the completed body release paperwork signed by the funeral home representative and the immediate next of kin in order to avoid delays upon your arrival at the NRMEO.

Access to the body release area will continue to be limited to one representative per funeral home in order to adhere to the social distance guidelines.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to either the Morgue Supervisor or Office Manager.

Thank you all for your patience during this transition.