

WAC 246-500-010 Definitions. (1) "Barrier precaution" means protective attire, equipment, or other physical barriers worn to protect or prevent exposure of skin and mucous membranes of the wearer to infected or potentially infected blood, tissue, and body fluids.

(2) "Burial transit permit" means a form, approved and supplied by the state registrar of vital statistics as described in chapter 70.58 RCW, identifying the name of the deceased, date and place of death, general information, disposition and registrar and sexton information.

(3) "Coroner" means the county official as described under chapter 36.24 RCW and RCW 36.16.030.

(4) "Department" means the Washington state department of health.

(5) "Embalmer" means a person defined and licensed under chapter 18.39 RCW.

(6) "Funeral establishment" means a place of business defined and licensed under chapter 18.39 RCW.

(7) "Funeral director" means a person defined and licensed under chapter 18.39 RCW.

(8) "Health care provider" means any person having direct or supervisory responsibility for the delivery of health care, including persons credentialed in Washington state under Title 18 RCW and military personnel providing health care within Washington state regardless of licensure.

(9) "Human remains" or "remains" means the body of a deceased person, in any stage of decomposition, and includes cremated human remains, but excludes archaeological resources under chapter 27.53 RCW.

(10) "Local health officer" means a licensed physician defined and appointed under RCW 70.05.050.

(11) "Local registrar of vital statistics" means the local health officer or administrator who registers certificates of birth and death occurring in his or her designated registration district under chapter 70.58 RCW.

(12) "Medical examiner" means a physician appointed by the county legislative authority to replace the coroner under RCW 36.24.190.

(13) "Refrigerate" means:

(a) Placing in a mechanically cooled unit maintained at a maximum temperature of 48°F in a licensed funeral establishment; or

(b) Placing in a mechanically cooled unit maintained at a maximum temperature of 48°F or packing with dry ice or leak-resistant sealed ice packs outside of a funeral establishment.

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