

# Postmortem Handling and Testing for COVID-19 Persons Under Investigation (PUI) in Kansas

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If a patient death is suspected to be the result of COVID-19 or if the patient who died was suspected to have COVID-19, please contact the KDHE Epidemiology Hotline at 877-427-7317. KDHE will assist in determining if the patient meets the criteria for a Person Under Investigation (PUI). If the PUI definition is met, KDHE may test a nasopharyngeal swab from the patient.

If an autopsy is planned, contact the KDHE Epidemiology Hotline at 877-427-7317. KDHE will confer with CDC to determine if testing additional specimens at the CDC laboratory is indicated.

KDHE recommends the use of current CDC guidance for the handling of PUIs postmortem: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-postmortem-specimens.html>

