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**TO:** UCH Medical Staff, House staff, Patient Care Centers, and Outpatient Clinics

**FROM:** Jeffrey Mueller, DO  
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**RE:** Autopsy - COVID-19 positive patients

To University of Chicago clinicians caring for COVID-19 patients,

The pathology department at University of Chicago is now equipped to perform autopsies on COVID-19 positive patients. To minimize risks and follow current CDC guidelines, we will not be removing the brain or spinal cord on these patients. However, this is subject to change. Similar to other non-COVID autopsies, proper consent is still required. Forms for autopsy requests are provided in the death packets. Information is also available online (see PC108 Care of Patient After Death) or by contacting Health Information Management (HIM) ext. 23107.

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