



# ISLAMIC FOUNDATION OF IRELAND

## General Burial Policy

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### Abbreviations:

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| <b>IFI</b>  | Islamic Foundation of Ireland (Dublin Mosque)        |
| <b>ICCI</b> | Islamic Cultural Centre of Ireland/Clonskeagh Mosque |
| <b>ECFR</b> | European Council of Fatwa and Research               |

Please read this policy carefully

## COVID 19: Relevant information\*

### Topics covered:

1. Washing the body (*Ghusl*)
2. Transport
3. Prayer
4. Social distancing

\* Tailored Burial Policy for Covid-19 victims provides more details. See our [website](#).

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### 1. Washing the body (*Ghusl*)

Washing a COVID 19 victim: IFI staff and ICCI staff **will not coordinate or partake in the washing *ghusl* nor the dry ablution *Tayammum*** of the deceased

COVID 19 victims **will not be:**

- i. Washed *ghusl* or undergo dry ablution *Tayammum* in hospitals or funeral homes
- ii. Shrouded in hospitals or funeral homes

The Muslim community must do its part in helping mitigate the spread of COVID 19, and as such washing the body not only places additional pressure on hospital staff (particularly due to limited resources) but it also poses a high risk to the living contracting the virus.

**NOTE:** Families are not obliged to wash *ghusl* the body or do a dry ablution *Tayammum* for COVID 19 victims in light of the fatwa issued by the European Council of Fatwa and Research ECFR.

**The body CANNOT be shrouded before being placed in a body bag (COVID 19 victims must be buried in a coffin).**

### 2. Transport

COVID 19 victims **will NOT be brought to the ICCI for *ghusl* or Janaazah prayer**, they will be transported directly to the cemetery.

### 3. Prayer

Janaazah prayer **will NOT be prayed in the Islamic Foundation of Ireland or Clonskeagh mosque ICCI** due to COVID 19.

Janaazah prayer **WILL BE PRAYED at the cemetery.**

### 4. Social Distancing

People **MUST travel in separate cars to the cemetery** unless they are part of the same family who have been social distancing in the same house together.

Please attempt to **minimise\* the numbers of people** to safeguard the health and welfare of others **as per government and HSE guidelines.**

**\*Number of attendees at the funeral: You are advised to follow the government regulations set forth at the advice of the HSE.**

**Self-Isolation:** any family member who has been asked to self-isolate must do so and not attend the funeral.

**NOTE:**

Dry ablution *Tayammum*: slapping a piece of earth/ stone and rubbing the hands and face of the dead person washing the body *Ghusl*: this is an Islamic practice that can only be carried out by a Muslim.

## Expenses for the burial

When a Muslim dies; the family of the deceased will call the Islamic Foundation of Ireland for help in carrying out the burial.

The Islamic Foundation of Ireland does not charge the family any money for their assistance in arranging the burial affairs however there are expenses for other services.

| Standard Price: minors & adults  | Standard price: infants under 3 years | Saturday Burial   |
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| County Council: €1,520   | County Council: €100                  | County Council: €1,705  |
| Grave Digger: €470   | Grave Digger: €150                    | Grave digger: €520  |
| Coffin for the deceased: €440<br>(mandatory for the deceased with COVID 19)  | Undertakers: n/a                      | Undertakers: €300   |
| Undertakers: €300.00   |                                       |   |
| <b>Total: €2,290 (without coffin)</b><br><b>Total: €2,730 (with coffin)</b>  | <b>Total: €250</b>                    | <b>Total: €2,525 (without a coffin)</b><br><b>Total: €2,965 (with coffin)</b> |
| <p><b>Please note</b> in some cases, the Undertakers may need to hire a hearse which will incur an additional €320.00 fee.</p> |                                       |   |

### Single plot vs. family plot

Definitions:

- Single plot: one separate designated grave space for the burial of one person
- Family plot: one designated grave space used to bury up to three people (at separate occasions)

Please note the following:

- The Dublin County Council charge less for family plots.
- The deceased must be buried in a coffin if you choose a family plot
- The price of the coffin is included (for the family plot)
- In some cases, only two people can be buried in a family plot

Prices are subject to vary depending on extenuating circumstances.

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## Roles of the family/ designated person

**\*Note: there should only be one contact person from the family throughout the burial**

### Online Tasks and Paying Expenses:

1. **Complete** the online burial application available on IFI website, also link available [here](#).

**NOTE:** No arrangements for the burial can proceed until the application has been submitted

2. Pay the expenses on the same day/ following day in cash at the Islamic Foundation of Ireland
  - 163 South Circular Road, Merchants Quay, Dublin 8, D08 F642
  - Office hours: 10am – 4pm

### Going to the Cemetery

3. The family member/ designated person will make their way to the cemetery to attend the burial.

They may follow the Undertakers, leave with the IFI staff (from Dublin Mosque) or make their own way to the cemetery (instructions will be provided by the IFI Administration)

## The roles of the IFI

1. When a family member of the deceased calls – instruct them to go to the IFI website [www.islamicfoundation.ie](http://www.islamicfoundation.ie) in order to:
  - i. Read the [Burial Policy](#)
  - ii. Fill in the “[Online Burial Application](#)”
2. Meet with the family member/designated person to obtain the expenses of the burial.
3. The Islamic Foundation of Ireland will:
  - a. Acquire a plot number (in the cemetery) from the County Council.
  - b. Provide relevant updates to concerned parties
  - c. The Islamic Foundation of Ireland will coordinate the *ghusl* washing and kafan shrouding of the body with Clonskeagh Mosque (ICCI)
 

**Note:** *Ghusl* of a confirmed **COVID 19 victim will NOT** be carried out in ICCI.
  - d. Arrange a Grave Digger to dig the grave and bury the deceased
  - e. Facilitate payment to all the necessary parties
  - f. May also provide an invoice for the expenses of the burial (upon request of the family) in order to seek a reimbursement from the welfare office
4. The Islamic Foundation of Ireland will coordinate the transportation of the body with the Undertakers to the necessary locations (where applicable)
  - i. Clonskeagh Mosque (ICCI) for washing the body
  - ii. Clonskeagh Mosque (ICCI) or Islamic Foundation of Ireland (IFI) for the *Janaazah* prayer
  - iii. Cemetery for the *Janaazah* prayer and burial

| Headstones  | Plaques  |
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| <p>We do not recommend the purchase of a headstone as it is not in keeping with the Islamic tradition. The money would be better spent in charity on behalf of the deceased.</p> <p>See the link for further details:<br/> <a href="https://islamicfoundation.ie/site/assets/files/1080/skm_c25821090913001.pdf">https://islamicfoundation.ie/site/assets/files/1080/skm_c25821090913001.pdf</a></p> <p>Obtaining a headstone requires the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Planning permission: an application form (“Application for a headstone permit SDCC from 1.3.2021”) must be completed and returned to the county council.</li> <li>b. a fee of €490.00</li> <li>c. Fees for the actual headstone</li> </ol> <p>For further information contact the county council @ 014149234.</p> | <p>Our recommendation (as per the Islamic tradition) would be to purchase a <b>plaque</b> instead.</p> <p>It is far cheaper and requires no planning permission:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Plaques are approximately €100.00 only.</u></p> <p>See the link for more details on plaques:<br/> <a href="https://www.fingalmemorials.ie/view-cats.php?psc_id=34">https://www.fingalmemorials.ie/view-cats.php?psc_id=34</a></p> |

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