



ISLAMIC FOUNDATION OF IRELAND

General Burial Policy

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Abbreviations:

IFI	Islamic Foundation of Ireland
ICCI	Islamic Cultural Centre of Ireland/Clonskeagh Mosque
ECFR	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](#).

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 box).

2. Transport

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

3. Prayer

Janaaza 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 graveyard (While keeping a 2-meter distance from others)**

4. Social Distancing

People **MUST travel in separate cars to the graveyard** 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. No more than four people should gather and only family members may be in close proximity.**

The government has advised that no more than ten people at a time should attend funerals

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

- County Council €1,520
- Grave Digger €450
- Box for the deceased €400 (optional)
- Undertakers €280

Total: €2,250.00 (without the box)

With Box €2,650.00

For infants (under three years)

- County Council €100
- Grave Digger €150
- Undertakers n/a

Total: €250.00

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)

Separate Single Plot	One Family plot (maximum of 3 burials)
Total Price for 1 st burial €2,250	Total price for 1 st burial €2,650
Total price for single plots is always €2,250	Total price for 2 nd burial €1,590
	Total price for 3 rd burial €1,590

Price Difference	
Burying two people in separate single plots €4,500	Burying two people in a family plot €4,240
Burying three people in separate single plots €6,750	Burying three people in a family plot €5,830

Please note the following:

- The Dublin County Council charge less for family plots.
- The deceased must be buried in a box if you choose a family plot
- The price of the box is included in the above figures (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.

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 Graveyard

3. The family member/ designated person will go to the graveyard on the day of the burial with an IFI employee (instructions will be provided by the IFI Admin)

NOTE: People are strongly advised to travel in separate cars to the graveyard.

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 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 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 (currently suspended due to COVID 19)
 - iii. Cemetery for the *Janaazah* prayer and burial

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