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## The Religious Ruling on Funeral Rites for a Body with an Infectious Disease

In response to religious questions regarding the funeral rites for people who have passed away due to an infectious disease in different parts of the world, please take note of the ruling below from his eminence [Ayatullah al-Sayyid al-Sistani](#).

We ask God, the Exalted, with His kindness and generosity to heal those who are infected with this virus and bless them with good health, and may His mercy be bestowed upon the deceased and patience and reward bestowed on their families and love

**Question:** What is the ruling on washing, shrouding, and burying the body of a dead person if the cause of death is an infectious virus (or other contagious pathogen) that requires caution and avoidance according to the religious edicts of his eminence Ayatullah al-Sayyid al-Sistani (may God prolong his life).

**Answer:** Any act that poses harm to the person who undertakes the preparation of the deceased [under such circumstances] is revoked. However, if it is possible to perform tayammum on the deceased, albeit wearing gloves, and shroud the body, even if with a plastic cover, it must be done. The funeral prayer and burial should be performed as required thereafter.

### حكم غسل ودفن أجساد الموتى بالأمراض المعدية

السؤال: كيف يمكن تغسيل وتكفين ودفن أجساد موتى المؤمنين فيما لو كان سبب الوفاة فايروس مُعدى يستوجب الحذر والإجتناب منه، وفقاً لرأي سماحة آية الله العظمى السيد السيستاني (مذ ظله)؟

الجواب: كل ما يوجب الضرر على المباشر من أعمال التجهيز يُسقط. فإذا أمكن التيمم ولو مع لبس الكفوف يُبَيَّمُ الميت، وإذا أمكن التكفين ولو فوق غطاء البلاستيك يُكَفَّنُ ويُصَلَّى عليه ويُدُفَن.

