

Inquest Helpful Links:

Here is a link to the CDC page where you can find the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10): <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd/index.htm>

Here is a link to the TxEVER Training Guides, including the ones for fetal deaths: <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/field/TxEVER/TxEVER-User---Training-Guides.doc?terms=fetal%20death%20certificate>

Additional helpful CDC resources:

https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/dvs/blue_form.pdf

https://www.cdc.gov/Nchs/data/misc/hb_cod.pdf

Here is a link to the CDC mobile app, where you can access help in cause of death reporting from your cellphone on the go or in your office:

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/mobile-app.htm>

COVID-19 Deaths

Here is the statement about COVID-10 death reporting from the TXEVER website:

For deaths **due to COVID-19**, report COVID-19 in Cause of Death – Part I on the Medical 2 tab. Report other chronic conditions that may have contributed (e.g. COPD, asthma) in Cause of Death – Part II on the Medical 2 tab. For CDC guidance to medical certifiers on reporting COVID-19 deaths, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/covid19/coding-and-reporting.htm>

HIPPA & Inquests

There is an exception requiring medical providers to disclose medical records to "coroners" that applies to justices of the peace in Texas, because they fill that role under Texas law.

For an explanation of HIPPA as it relates to the deceased and exceptions, please visit the U.S. Health and Human Services website here: <https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/privacy/guidance/health-information-of-deceased-individuals/index.html>