

How to order a death certificate online with the cause of death for FEMA reimbursement:

Go to: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/death-certificates.page>


Scroll down to this part of the page and click “order a death certificate online”

The Health Department issues death certificates for all people who die in one of the five boroughs of New York City. The Health Department also fulfills requests to correct death certificates. Requests to order death certificates can take 3-4 weeks to be processed.

Note that there are two parts to the death certificate:

- The standard certificate of death
- The part that includes a confidential medical report of the cause of death

Either can be ordered — for the same cost — but who can order it and how it can be ordered varies. Most people need just the certificate of death.

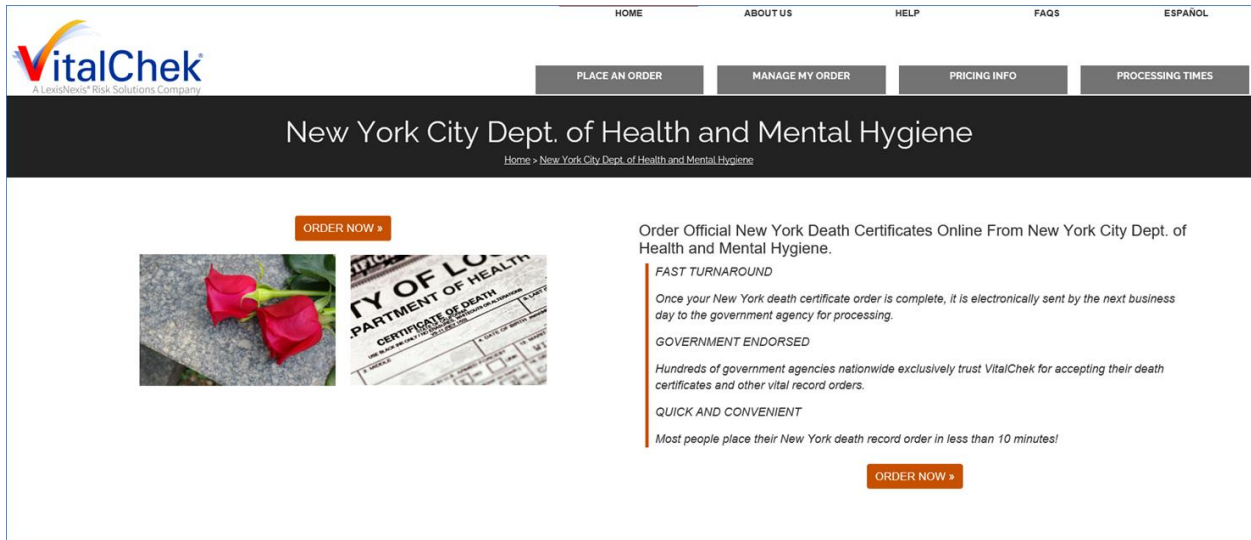


[ORDER A DEATH CERTIFICATE ONLINE ▶](#)

[Check the status of your death certificate order online.](#)

Live operators are available to answer questions on how to get death certificates from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. [Chat with a live operator.](#)

It will take you to this page, where you may click “order now”:



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QUICK AND CONVENIENT
Most people place their New York death record order in less than 10 minutes!

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When you get to the page that asks you “What will you be using this certificate for?” Select “FEMA COVID-19 Relief”

What will you be using this certificate for?

Reason:

- Adoption (International)
- Apostille/Authentication
- Court Order
- Dual Citizenship
- FEMA Covid-19 Relief
- Legal Right or Claim
- Marriage (International)
- Medical Need
- Official Govt Purpose
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If COVID is not listed

If COVID is not listed, but the informant (next of kin) suspects COVID was the cause of death, they should reach out to the healthcare provider or medical facility who completed the original death certificate and ask them to re-evaluate. We rely on the healthcare provider's best medical judgment.

- Within 1 year of death the provider can submit a **"Cause of Death/QI" Amendment** in eVital
- After 1 year of death the facility can provide a letter to the family that includes:
 - Decedent's information
 - Cause of death to be added or replaced
 - Hand written signature of the physician with her/his license number
 - The family will need to submit the letter with a correction application DOHMH.
 - Instructions are at [Birth and Death Certificates Corrections - NYC Health](#). Scroll to the bottom of the webpage for 'How do I amend a death certificate so that it shows COVID-19 as the cause of death?' for more information and ALSO below:

The informant listed on the death certificate and the person in control of disposition can submit a request to amend the cause of death on a death certificate.

To make a request:

- Submit a completed death certificate amendment application, current photo ID, \$40 processing fee and \$15 for each amended certificate requested.
- Provide an original letter from a health care provider who treated the deceased person named on the death certificate. This letter must contain the following:
 - Provider's letterhead and signature
 - Provider's license number
 - Name and date of birth of the decedent
 - Dates showing when the provider started and stopped treating the decedent
 - A statement from the provider that the cause of death was related to COVID-19
 - Per [FEMA's guidance](#), the death certificate must indicate the death was caused by, may have been caused by, or was likely a result of COVID-19 or COVID-19-like symptoms. The letter may include similar phrasing.
 - A statement from the provider that they reviewed the current cause of death on the death certificate

Mail your completed application and all required documents to:

NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Attn: FEMA death certificate amendment request
Corrections Unit 125 Worth Street, Room 144, CN-4 New York, NY 10013

Standard processing times apply.

For more information, email correctionsunit2@health.nyc.gov, with "FEMA burial assistance" in the subject line.