

F.A.Q's referencing Coroner 101 class in 2021 -January 2021 update:

Is any information available about Coroner 101? The Coroner 101 class has been postponed until there's a window of opportunity which will allow us to present it in person. We're hoping for perhaps April or May, but nothing is concrete because of the high levels of infection and hospitalization in Onondaga County. With things progressing rapidly with vaccines however, we're very hopeful.

Might it be virtual? No. The logistics of doing a 101 virtually, based on the way the course is designed, is cost prohibitive for NYSACCME at this time.

Are coroner's offices given any kind of extension or waiver for the required training for newly elected or appointed coroners and deputies during the COVID-19 Pandemic? The extension of the course requirement falls into the same category of any other profession which requires a yearly review class. As luck would have it, when the Governor signed the Legislation the 90-day stipulation was removed from the language of the law. While NYSACCME still abides by that suggestion, we are also giving an extension to NEWLY elected or appointed Coroners, Deputy Coroners and Investigators.

Please advise. We have an appointed deputy that needs to meet this requirement. My advice, and strong advice is to train the Deputy ON THE JOB with each Coroner in the County, so he/she picks up various nuances in Medicolegal Death Investigation. Make sure he/she becomes familiar with all the 'wants' of the Medical Examiner Office you use to include: imperative information they need when receiving a case, what specific things they need from the scene such as evidence, meds, photos, police/fire/EMS reports and what forms they use for their case intake such as; a worksheet, permission for autopsy and ID form.

Please keep the faith and keep watching for email notification as well as changes on the NYSACCME website for information regarding the 101 Course as well as the Fall Conference.

Thanks so much for caring about your job and calling. Stay well!

Fondly,
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