

Vital Records Confidentiality Notice

In order to protect the security of identity and ensure record integrity, the State of Michigan Public Health Code (MCL 333.2895) prohibits public disclosure of the confidential information contained in Vital Records.

In accordance with the law, we may **not** disclose any information or permit public inspection of the records on file in this office.

This law includes Death Certificates, which are not considered public records in the sense that they are open to public inspection. Only the Death Index is available which lists the name, date of death and record number. If more detailed information is needed such as a cause of death, we must have a written application and the prescribed fee. (MCL333.2882)

In order to obtain information contained in a Vital Record, you must:

- Be legally eligible to obtain the record
- Produce adequate identification when required by law
- Submit a written request and pay the prescribed fee for the issuance of a certified copy

Note: Vital Records are **not** subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). (MCL 333.2888(1))