

## **VITAL REGISTRATION OFFICE RULE 11.1 DISCLOSURE OF DATA and CERTIFIED COPIES**

**West Virginia Legislative Rules for Vital Statistics, Section 11, restricts access to information or certified copies as follows:**

- 1. BIRTH RECORDS: The registrant, his/her immediate family, guardians, or their legal representatives.**

**Immediate family includes:**

- **Mother or Father\*\* (See Note Below)**
- **Son or Daughter**
- **Brother or Sister**
- **Husband or Wife**
- **Mother-in-Law/Father-in-Law**
- **Son-in-Law/Daughter-in-Law**
- **Grandparents**
- **Grandchildren**
- **Stepmother or Stepfather**
- **Stepchild**

- 2. FETAL DEATH REPORTS: The PARENTS listed on the fetal death report or their legal representatives.**
- 3. DEATH RECORDS: Any surviving relative having a direct and tangible interest or their legal representative.**
- 4. MARRIAGE & DIVORCE: The parties involved and their adult children over 18 years of age.**

**\*\* If father's name is not shown on the birth certificate, he or his family cannot obtain certified copies of a birth record without a court order or court ordered paternity determination.**