Tabares tours temporary morgue



Twenty-third Ward Ald. Silvana Tabares (right) speaks with Cook County Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Ponni Arunkumar during a visit last week to a temporary morgue located in a vacant refrigerated warehouse in the West Elsdon neighborhood. The site will temporarily house a limited number of corpses, to relieve overcrowding at the Medical Examiner's West Side headquarters, as well as at some hospitals. While the facility is a county government initiative to address the COVID-19 pandemic, Tabares said she requested a tour after some residents contacted her with concerns. Tabares said the facility poses no health risks to residents, and she praised Arunjumar and her team, as well as members of the Illinois National Guard, for gettng the facility up and running.

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