



Funeral and Cemetery Guidance

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In light of the Governor's stay at home order currently in place, and the restriction of gatherings to fewer than ten persons, the following guidance has been created for funeral services:

You are required to:

- Limit the number of people per services (including guests and staff) to 10 or fewer.
- Rooms must allow for at least 30 square feet per person, and visitors from separate households must maintain at least 6 feet of distance at all times.
- Require people who are ill or who are part of an at-risk population (e.g., the elderly, immune-compromised, etc.) to stay home.
- Remind families how to prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as staying home if they are sick, social distancing, washing their hands, and covering coughs and sneezes.
- Keep soap dispensers filled in public (and employee) restrooms and sanitize after each group.
- Offer alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol to guests (and employees).

Cemetery Visitation:

- Visitors should maintain 6 feet of distance at all times between members of separate households.
- To prevent overcrowding, no more than 3 people should visit a single gravesite at one time. If more people wish to visit, they should take turns in smaller groups of 3 or fewer.
- In addition to the above requirements, the National Funeral Directors Association has developed the following alternatives you can also offer families.
 - Consider a private viewing for only immediate family and/or close friends and have a large memorial service for all family and friends at a later date.
 - Hold a smaller service for immediate family in person and webcast using either a webcasting service or Facebook Live.
 - Record the service on video, which could be shared with whomever the family deems appropriate.





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It is recommended that funeral homes immediately discontinue the use of the following items, and any other similar items, due to inability to easily disinfect and to enable social distancing:

- Lap blankets
- Water cooler service
- Chairs and chair covers
- Tent sidewalls

Some funeral homes are taking additional measures such as:

- Keeping the front door open (weather permitting) or ensuring a staff person is always available to open a door during visitations and services to prevent people from touching the door knob
- Offering free or reduced cost webcasting

