



County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Dear Funeral Directors and Cemetery District Managers,

Please see the updated Funeral Home and Cemetery Guidance below as we gradually implement the reopening of Fresno County. Public Health Administration is continually monitoring Federal, State and local guidelines and recognize this is a fast-changing environment. It is imperative that you continue to take precautions when planning and holding funeral services and visitations to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among those in attendance, including those who may not have symptoms. Again, we must maintain our efforts to ensure the health and safety of all. Therefore, we ask that you adhere to the following guidance.

Funeral Home/Mortuary Guidance:

- Mortuary visitation or viewing no more than 30 minutes.
- No family home or off-site visitation or viewing.
- No more than 10 persons, including clergy.
- Family will disclose to clergy if decedent is COVID-19 positive.
- No rotation or interchanging of the 10 persons.
- No ill persons in attendance.
- All persons must wear a mask.
- All persons must maintain social distancing of 6ft.

Cemetery Guidance Per Graveside Service:

- Cemetery Graveside allowed.
- No more than 10 persons, including clergy at graveside.
- Family will disclose to clergy and Cemetery Director if decedent is COVID-19 positive.
- No rotation or interchanging of the 10 persons at graveside.
- No ill persons in attendance.
- All persons must wear a mask.
- All persons must maintain social distancing of 6ft.
- Limit approximately 30 minutes at graveside.

Cemetery Visitation Guidance:

- Cemetery visitation by the public will be allowed.
- No ill persons in attendance.
- Adhere to Fresno County COVID-19 Masking Guidelines (available at www.fcdph.org/mask).
- All persons must maintain social distancing of 6ft.
- Post health department guidance for public viewing.

Promotion, preservation and protection of the community's health

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We all have a role to play. Your dedication to protect your staff, the families you service and all those in the community in a safe and effective manner is commendable. We must all work together to gracefully reopen and slow the progression of the virus.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rais Vohra MD". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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