



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. This document replaces previously issued guidelines. As a reminder, all persons should take preventative actions every day when planning and holding funeral visitation and services. We ask that you adhere to the following guidance;

Funeral Home/Mortuary Guidance:

- Limit attendance to 25% of building capacity or a maximum of 100 attendees, whichever is lower. If larger numbers are expected, we request a written plan from the funeral home for how social distancing will be implemented. Submit plan to dph@fresnocountyca.gov
- No ill persons in attendance.
- All persons shall wear a mask/face covering.
- All persons must maintain physical distancing practices to the maximum extent possible.
- Clergy and guest speakers may remove mask during eulogy provided safe distancing is accommodated.
- No food, drinks, potlucks, catered food services, etc. are allowed, except for services lasting longer than 24hours. Such services will be allowed single serve disposable containers.
- Temperature and symptom screenings are the responsibility of the hosting establishment.

Cemetery Guidance Per Graveside Service:

- Cemetery Graveside services are allowed.
- Cemetery will provide controlled access points to grave site.
- Mausoleum services - limit attendance to 25% of building capacity with social distancing.
- Services should be limited to 25 persons (does not include cemetery or funeral home staff, clergy or military persons). If larger numbers are expected, we request a written plan from the cemetery for how social distancing will be implemented. Submit plan to dph@fresnocountyca.gov.
- Graveside seating allowed by household members.
- No ill persons in attendance.
- All persons shall wear a mask/face covering.
- Clergy and guest speakers may remove mask during eulogy provided safe distancing is accommodated.
- All persons must maintain physical distancing practices to the maximum extent possible.

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Cemetery Guidance Per Graveside Service Continued:

- Services shall not last longer than 60 minutes.
- Live Musicians must maintain social distance and keep 15-25 feet if singing or using wind instruments. Their numbers will count towards the 25-person limit in attendance.
- Standard Military funerals allowed and may include Honor Guards, Chaplain and Rifle Party.

Cemetery Visitation Guidance:

- Cemetery visitation by the public are allowed.
- All persons shall wear a mask/face covering.
- All persons must maintain physical distancing practices to the maximum extent possible.
- Post health department guidance for public viewing,
<https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/public-health/covid-19>

Plans submitted are approved for the requesting facility only. If multiple locations are to be used, each entity must submit a plan, i.e., a funeral home, cemetery, etc. We thank you for your continued cooperation and compliance.

Respectfully,



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