

COVID-19 Funeral Protocols effective as of November 23, 2020

Funeral Services:

We will continue to perform all scheduled graveside burials at the cemeteries, subject to specific protocols regarding social distancing, protections for attendees and cemetery staff, and limitations regarding gatherings at this time, the cemetery building will **NOT** be accessible to the public which includes our public washrooms. Funeral Homes working with the cemeteries will be updated regarding changes to our COVID-19 protocols.

1. The Funeral Chapel must prepare a deceased person who has died of COVID-19 or is strongly suspected to have died of COVID-19, with the required protocols.
2. Graveside funerals for non-COVID-19 related or suspected deaths will be limited to up to 10 people, but not including Cemetery and Funeral Chapel staff.
3. Individuals attending graveside funerals must remain in their vehicles until they are instructed by Cemetery staff and/or Funeral Chapel staff.
4. Individuals at the service must stand at least 6 feet away from the grave, with a social distance of at least 6 feet apart.
5. Individuals at the service must sign a register and provide their contact information should tracing of infection become necessary.
6. Funeral directors/assistants shall wait until the casket is lowered and cemetery staff have removed the lowering device and have created a social distance of at least 6 feet from the grave before allowing individuals to approach the grave.
7. Funeral directors/assistants will direct families to create a social distance at graveside of at least 6 feet from one another and will use best efforts to remind families during the service. At all times, visitors and funeral chapel staff must always remain at least 6 feet away from cemetery staff.
8. We are expecting that the total attendance time within the cemetery grounds for any graveside funeral will be 30 minutes or less.
9. All pallbearers must wear rubber/latex disposable gloves and anyone who handles the cemetery's shovels must also be wearing such gloves.
10. Our cemetery building will be closed to the public, including our public washrooms.

11. To mitigate risk of transmission, we will not be providing any washing cups or water at our outdoor hand washing stations at the cemeteries. Visitors should bring their own water for ritual hand washing after their visits.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this latest protocol revision. These protocols are subject to change at any time. Thank you very much for your co-operation

Administrative Office:

Our Offices will be closed for the time being. The public may still contact us by using e-mail or by telephone, all of which are listed at the end of this document. We will not be scheduling appointments or meetings at our offices until further notice.

We reserve the right to modify these protocols at any time. We appreciate your co-operation as we do our best to mitigate the risk of exposure to COVID-19 while at the same time servicing the Community in these challenging times.

