
The Funeral Directors Association of Kentucky, Inc.

March 25, 2020

Dear FDAK Member Firm:

[During his Tuesday, March 24, 2020 daily Press Conference, Governor Andy Beshear addressed Non Life-Sustaining Businesses and issued the following Executive Order which addresses Kentucky Funeral Service.](#)

UPDATED GUIDELINES FOR KENTUCKY FUNERAL HOMES

- **All funeral services in Kentucky are limited to the “Closest of Family” with “Private Burials”, each not to exceed 10 individuals total**
- **Funeral homes should be closed to all business except for “at need private services” and to work from home when at all possible**

EXECUTIVE ORDER—Selected Portions

I am now issuing this Order to take additional steps to encourage Kentuckians to remain Healthy at Home, and to do everything in their power to stop the spread of the disease. This Order should be construed broadly to prohibit in-person work that is not necessary to protect or sustain life.

I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of authority vested in me pursuant to the Constitution of Kentucky and by KRS Chapter 39A, do hereby Order and Direct as Follows:

1. Only Life-Sustaining Businesses May Remain Open. All businesses that are not life-sustaining shall cease operations effective Thursday, March 26, 2020, at 8:00 p.m., except as needed to conduct Minimum Basic Operations, as defined in this Order. For the purposes of this Order, Life-Sustaining Businesses are all businesses that allow Kentuckians to remain Healthy at Home, including:

s. Funeral Services. Funeral, mortuary, cremation, burial, cemetery, and related services, **subject to restrictions on mass gathering and appropriate social distancing.**

4. Minimum Basic Operations. Minimum Basic Operations are the minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business’s inventory, preserve the condition of the business’s physical plant and equipment, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, facilitate telecommuting, and other related functions.

8. Prior Orders Remain In Effect. All prior Executive Orders, and Orders issued by Cabinets pursuant to Executive Order 2020-215, remain in full force and effect, except to the extent they conflict with this Order. For the avoidance of doubt, mass gathering remain prohibited pursuant to the march 19, 2020 Order of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the Department of Public Health. Violations of these and other Orders issued pursuant to Executive Order 2020-215 are punishable as provided in KRS Chapter 39A.

The Funeral Directors Association of Kentucky advises all funeral homes in the Commonwealth to adhere to the **Executive Orders** that have been set forth by the Governor and the **CDC Guidelines**.

God Bless and Keep you all.

Sincerely,



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President



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