
The Funeral Directors Association of Kentucky, Inc.

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Dear FDAK Member Firm:

[The FDAK office has received multiple calls from funeral homes regarding the Governor's Executive Order regarding funerals in Kentucky. The following is how the orders apply to Kentucky Funeral Homes.](#)

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 walk in business except for "at need private services" and to work from home when at all possible.**

What Does "**Closest of Family**" with "**Private Burials**" mean, as VERIFIED by the STATE?

- All Funeral Visitations, Funeral Services, and Burials/Committal Services must be PRIVATE EVENTS for the closest of family ONLY.
- This does NOT MEAN that you can have a visitation for 10 people at a time, on a rotating basis. 10 people TOTAL. Rotating 10 individuals at a time at a visitation, is not allowed under these orders.
- Your Funeral Service is capped at 10 of the Closest of Family total.
- Your Burial/Committal Service at the Cemetery is also capped at 10 people total.
- Your Funeral Home should also be "closed" to outside traffic/walk ins. You cannot control the public in your building if the doors remain open. You CAN, however, still make appointments for families that need assistance (i.e. making payments, need Medicaid information, need Death Certificates, etc.)
- All of your posted obituaries should state that the services are private and no times of visitations/services/burials should be listed. If the times of the services are listed, then that constitutes a public event. (The state is monitoring published obituaries in local newspapers and on social media outlets.)

As the death rate of COVID-19 cases rise here in Kentucky (and they will), you and your staff will want to have the least amount of face-to-face contact with the families that you are called on to serve. What will happen if you and all of your staff contract the Virus? Who will serve the families that call on you then?

FYI: The FDAK office was contacted again this past Sunday by the State "VERY CONCERNED" about the non-compliance they have seen from funeral homes regarding the Governor's and the CDC's Orders. Also, State Health Departments have been contacting funeral homes about their compliance with the Executive Orders.

"For those out there trying to find an exception, if you're not truly engaging in social distancing, if you are not taking those steps, it will force further action," Gov. Beshear said. "Not that we want to take it, but we have to protect everybody. It's all of our duties. Look for ways to be a part of the solution as opposed to being an exception to what we're putting out there."

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

God Bless and Keep you all.

Respectfully Yours,



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