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FDAK Addresses *Drive by Visitations*

In recent days, FDAK has been asked about “*Drive by Visitations*”. Several funeral homes have already begun offering them to families. There have also been several Newspaper and Television news stories regarding this as well.

FDAK reached out to the Governor’s office to make sure that a *Drive by Visitation* would come within the Governor’s Orders on Mass Gatherings. Governor Beshear’s office did confirm that Drive by Visitations are permissible under his current Executive Orders.

With that being said, any Drive By needs to be CONTROLLED at all times. You could easily lose control of the situation if the visitation is not very closely monitored.

If your funeral home decides to offer Drive by Visitations, FDAK would recommend the following guidelines, at the minimum, which will help you maintain compliance with the Governor’s Executive Orders and the CDC’s Guidelines:

- The visitation must be staffed/monitored at all times
- The visitation should be limited in time—not to be held for extended hours
- No one should be allowed out of their cars at any time, for any reason
- You should set up a designated entrance and exit from your facility with “vehicle cones” set up to ensure a controlled drive by (i.e. you don’t want people pulling over to park etc.)
- A 6 foot minimal barrier should be set up between cars and the family/casket
- Nothing should change hands (register books to be signed online only-no hand to hand contact)
- It’s also suggested that you limit the number of cars on your facility grounds at any one time, so not to constitute an uncontrollable situation

Your funeral home should do whatever possible to maintain control during a Drive by Visitation, if you choose to go that route.

REMEMBER: In the end, it’s your business and you can make the decision as to do Drive Bys or not. Don’t do anything that you are not comfortable with, regardless if it is permissible.

The following is a Television News Story that aired regarding a Drive by Visitation at the Betts and West Funeral Home in Nicholasville.

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