

ARIZONA COVID-19 RESPONSE

What Funeral Attendees Should Know

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advises that there is currently no known risk associated with being in the same room at a funeral or visitation service with the body of someone who died of COVID-19.
- The National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) strongly recommends that, until further notice, funerals be limited to no more than 10 of the decedent's immediate family members.
- CDC Guidance for funeral attendees emphasizes **physical distancing (6ft away)** and [routine infection prevention and control precautions](#).

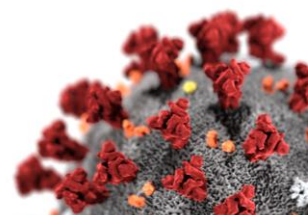
Physical Distancing at Funeral Services

Physical distancing is a prevention method to slow the person-to-person transmission of COVID-19.

What you can do

- **Stay home** if you are sick.
- **Covering coughs and sneezes** with a tissue or elbow.
- **Washing hands often** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Put **distance between yourself and other people**. This is especially important for [people who are at higher risk of getting very sick](#).
- Funeral homes should also encourage attendees to follow current physical distancing guidelines by setting up seating accordingly.
- The CDC recommends that funeral guests should refrain from or limit touching the bodies of people who died from COVID-19.

GUIDANCE FOR FUNERALS



Funeral Service Options

- Have a private viewing for only immediate family and/or close friends.
 - Consider having a larger memorial service for all family and friends at a later date.
- Discuss options for webcasting the funeral so others can view from home.

Who to contact if you have questions?

Please contact the Arizona COVID-19 Hotline (1-844-542-8201).

Additional Resources

- [COVID-19 and Funerals \(CDC\)](#)
- [Visitations and Funerals \(NFDA\)](#)
- [COVID-19 \(CDC\)](#)

