



Guidelines for Funerals during Covid-19 (permitted from 15/06/20)

For funerals held during the Covid-19 period,
we ask that the following guidance is followed:

Up to date Government guidance on managing a funeral can be found [here](#).

Communication with the bereaved

- Any interaction with the bereaved should be done safely; this may mean by telephone or video link. It is important not to share documents, books, photos etc.
- It is also possible to meet with the bereaved outdoors, for example in their garden, as long as social distancing is observed.

Guests

- Government guidance surrounding the number of people present is to be strictly observed. The number allowed to attend can be found in the Government guidance (link above).
- Everyone in attendance should wear a face covering with the exception of the minister.
- Guidance on who can attend can also be found in the government guidance.
- Guests from different households should travel to and from the funeral using their own transport.
- There should not be a wake held after the funeral service.

Social Distancing

- Apart from those who live in the same household, social distancing should be observed. We are continuing to maintain the distance of 2 metres.

Hygiene

- Singing during the service is not advised as this may encourage droplet and aerosol spread.
- All present should sanitise their hands upon arrival and prior to leaving the building.
- If Bibles are to be used, please ask those who used them to place them on the stage area after the service where they will be quarantined for 72 hours.
- If Orders of service are to be used, they should be placed on seats prior to the service, and either taken home or disposed of after the service. If someone attending is from a household where someone is showing symptoms, the orders of service will be kept in a sealed bag for 72 hours prior to disposal.

Cleaning

- The building should be cleaned before and after the ceremony following the guidance laid out in our Return to Work Risk Assessment.

* We also ask that the principles contained within our Return to Work Risk Assessment are followed. *

Updates and Additions

v2, July 2020

Addition: Link to Government guidance on 'Managing a Funeral'

Update: Guests: Number of people who can attend.

Update: Guests: Who can attend

Update: Social distancing: Continuing distance of 2 metres.

v3, August 2020

Addition: Guests: Face coverings