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## **Bekavac Funeral Home & Crematory Is Prepared to Safely Care for Families During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Bekavac Funeral Home & Crematory remains committed and prepared to safely care for the families it serves during the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Whenever possible, we will continue to enable families to participate in the rituals that are most important to them.

And according to the CDC, at this time, there is no known risk associated with being in the same room at a funeral or visitation service with the body of someone who died of confirmed or suspected COVID-19; however, federal, state and local public health guidance may impact the size of gathering a family is able to plan. Depending on a family's preferences, their loved one can be safely embalmed. Families may choose either burial or cremation as usual.

"At Bekavac Funeral Home & Crematory, we recognize our responsibility to protect the health of those we are privileged to serve," said Tony Bekavac. "We will continue to guide families, as we always have, in ways they can meaningfully commemorate the life of their loved one, while adhering to the guidance issued by federal, state and local public health officials."

Bekavac continued: "Our staff remains vigilant about cleaning our facilities and ensuring we're all following recommended healthy habits, such as staying home when sick, washing our hands, and covering coughs and sneezes. The CDC and our state and local public health officials have offered a lot of helpful guidance for businesses on this topic, which we continue to follow."

Dan Bekavac adds, "We would ask the families we serve to be mindful of the need for all of us to take reasonable steps for the health and safety of themselves, our staff, and members of our community"

A member of the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), Bekavac Funeral Home & Crematory regularly receives information via NFDA from the CDC, Department of Health and Human Services, Allegheny County Health Department and other agencies about the evolution of COVID-19 in the United States. NFDA continues to lead the conversation with federal officials about the role of funeral service as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic.

If our staff can be of assistance, please contact us via telephone or email. Stay safe and our best wishes.

*"Our umbrella of services shields our families from the storm of uncertainty that comes from decisions related to the end of a person's life. We remain committed during this unprecedented time"*