



SCFDA

“Putting Families First”

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COVID-19 RESPONSE

On behalf of our Executive Committee, The South Carolina Funeral Directors Association would like to offer some suggestions to our members. As I am sure many of you are aware of the most recent update from Governor McMaster strongly suggesting no large public gatherings of 50 or more people.

Many in the funeral service profession are seeking advice and guidance from their association on how to handle serving members in their communities that experience the death of a loved one during this time.

Our first priority and concern is the safety and welfare of our members, their employees and especially the families that they are serving that have experienced the recent loss of a loved one. We would like for all our association members to do the very best to adhere to Governor McMaster's Orders, the Center for Disease Control Guidelines and President Trump's most recent recommendations.

As it has been recommended, gatherings should be limited to 50 persons or less with President Trump recommending 10 or less at gatherings. Many of our association members are being very creative in ways to serve their families by recommending and utilizing webcasting and live streaming of services as well as private, family-only, services at the funeral home or at the graveside.

As recommended by DHEC and many other agencies, good cleaning practices, disinfecting after each gathering and healthy personal hygiene practices and using hand sanitizer are a few ways that we can continue to keep everyone safe.

SCFDA is dedicated to keeping everyone informed as much as possible. Please continue to follow all updates from the National Funeral Directors Association, the Center for Disease Control & Prevention, the South Carolina Funeral Directors Association and all local government press conferences.

These are unprecedented times and now more than ever we need to be praying for those around us needing our professional care and assistance, pray for our leaders locally, state-wide and nationally, please also keep our most vulnerable population including children and seniors, as well as each other in our daily prayers.

It is my hope and desire now more than ever that we would lean on each other for help, advice and continue to find ways to serve our communities in a professional and safe way.

Please do not hesitate to call, text or email me directly with any further thoughts, suggestions or concerns. I will continue to keep all the members of our associations and their employees in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely

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