



March 12, 2020

RE: COVID-19

Dear Members,

With today's announcement from our Governor to take proactive steps to stop the potential spread of COVID-19 in our communities, we propose you work to follow his recommendation of limiting public gatherings in Utah to 100 people for the next two weeks, beginning Monday. We need to be diligent in working with our families at this time to ensure our safety and theirs, as well as the public. Refer to local media reports for ongoing updates on this recommendation as it becomes available.

There are some great suggestions we can give our families to help with this decision.

- We recommend communicating this public safety recommendation to families by suggesting they limit attendance to services and viewings for close family and friends, and suggest and make available the ability to webcast services to others.
- We recommend you communicate protective measures you are taking at your funeral home and how they can limit risks of infection when greeting people.
- We recommend being prepared to answer questions or concerns they may have about attending the service of, or touching, someone who has died from COVID-19.
- We recommend placing signage at your funeral home on proper hand washing techniques and recommendations to limit personal contact, especially for those in high-risk populations.

Please review the attached information from NFDA, as they lead the conversation about COVID-19 with federal officials as it relates to funeral service. At the request of NFDA, and as a follow-up to the postmortem guidance released by the CDC in late February, we are disseminating the agency's specific guidelines for protecting funeral professionals, limiting exposure during funeral and visitation services, and assisting those whose loved ones died overseas from COVID-19.

We recommend you also evaluate your cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products, and personal protective equipment to be sure you have adequate supplies to take universal precautions as you care for your families. You may consider forecasting future needs and ordering now as supplies may take longer to ship with the increase in demand.

Regarding our convention scheduled for April 29-30, we still have plans to hold convention unless we feel a need to change as we get closer or are mandated otherwise.

We will continue to update you as new information becomes available and welcome any information you learn through this process and ask that you share it with us, so we can share it with others.

Sincerely,

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President

Att: COVID-19 Alert from NFDA