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## Valley Memorial and Horber Funeral Chapel Is Prepared to Safely Care For Families During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Holly, Lamar, and Las Animas, Colorado – Valley Memorial and Horber Funeral Chapel remains committed and prepared to safely care for the families it serves during the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Whenever possible, Valley Memorial and Horber Funeral Chapel 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, families may choose either burial or cremation as usual.

At Valley Memorial and Horber Funeral Chapel, we recognize our responsibility to protect the health of those we are privileged to serve. 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.

The CDC as well as our state and local public health officials have offered a lot of helpful guidance for businesses on this topic, which we continue to follow. 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. We encourage arrangements to be made by phone and email. To minimize direct contact, we ask that you consider avoiding shaking hands or physical contact with the members of the family or other guests. We request that guests who are experiencing any cold or flu-like symptoms including fever, cough and shortness of breath or have been in contact with or have recently traveled to any of the affected areas refrain from visiting the funeral home at this time. For those who refrain from coming for any services you are welcome to leave messages for the family on our website. We do have the ability to livestream any funeral service with the request of the family.

A member of the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), Valley Memorial and Horber Funeral Chapel regularly receives information via NFDA from the CDC, Department of Health and Human Services 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 by calling 719-336-9011 or 719-456-1339 or by emailing [valleymemorial@valleymemorialfc.com](mailto:valleymemorial@valleymemorialfc.com) or [horberfuneralchapel@outlook.com](mailto:horberfuneralchapel@outlook.com).

Sincerely,

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