



FDAK Member Newsletter

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Special Covid-19 Newsletter

NOTICE Covid-19 Update

At his News Conference at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2020, Governor Andy Beshear announced that he would not be extending his current Executive Order that expires on Sunday, December 13, 2020. This order limited funerals, visitations and graveside services to 25 individuals.

Beginning on Monday, December 14, 2020, the Mandate for Funeral and Memorial Services Providers will return to the June 20, 2020 Executive Order.

In Brief the Order states:

- Visitations and Funerals are limited to 50% of your building's occupancy capacity.
- Face Coverings are Required for funeral home staff, clergy and attendees to wear.
- Social Distancing of six (6) feet must be maintained for all attendees and seating should be arranged that allows for social distancing.
- Restrict the use of all common areas in the funeral home with no food or beverages allowed.

A synopsis of the mandate is attached for your review. Please feel free to contact the Association's office if you have any questions.

We know that it has not been easy for you to operate during this Worldwide Pandemic. Kentucky Funeral Service has truly stepped up to the plate to provide the most meaningful services to the citizens of the Commonwealth while operating within the State and Federal Guidelines. **THANK YOU!!**

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Requirements for Funeral and Memorial Services **Effective December 14, 2020**

Funeral and memorial service providers will be required to meet the same Healthy at Work Minimum Requirements as businesses.



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| ✓ Continue telework where possible | ✓ Enforce social distancing |
| ✓ Phased return to work | ✓ Limit face-to-face meetings |
| ✓ Onsite temperature/health checks | ✓ Sanitizer/hand wash stations |
| ✓ Universal masks and any other necessary PPE | ✓ Special accommodations |
| ✓ Close common areas (waiting rooms, cafeterias, break rooms, etc.) | ✓ Testing plan |
- HEALTHYATWORK.KY.GOV

In addition, **funeral and memorial service providers** must meet the requirements below in order **to Remain open to the Public**. **We have provided a synopsis of the reopening requirements for your review.**

- Visitations and Funerals are limited to **50% of your building's occupancy capacity**, excluding officiants, clergy, and staff, while maintaining social distance of six (6) feet for attendees. If you cannot maintain the six feet requirement, you must reduce your occupancy capacity until the six feet requirement can be obtained.
- Seating should be arranged that allows for social distancing of at least six feet for all services.
- Continued use of live streaming social medial broadcasts are encouraged as are the continued use of drive by visitations and drive-in funerals.
- Attendees at outdoor services must maintain the six feet of social distance if they are not of the same household. Attendees are, however, encouraged to stay in their vehicles.
- **FACE COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED** for funeral home staff, clergy and attendees to wear.
- You should consider taking attendees' temperatures and you should not allow individuals with elevated temperatures or signs of illness to attend in-person services.
- Assure that restrooms are used by one person at a time and all frequently touched surfaces throughout the facility are properly cleaned and are disinfected. (e.g., doorknobs and handles) The facility will maintain a written disinfection plan that follows CDC guidelines.
- Must provide hand sanitizer, handwashing facilities, tissues and waste baskets in convenient locations.
- Restrict the use of all common areas (i.e., foyers, lobbies, vending areas and community/multi-purpose rooms) if possible and should not provide communal food or beverages.
- Encourage no physical contact and continue to post Health Department COVID safety signs.
- Encourage staff and pallbearers to take precautions to stay safe while they are in close proximity.

The rules for reopening businesses, including funeral homes, can be found on Kentucky's COVID-19 website <https://govstatus.egov.com/kycovid19> under "Healthy at Work" <https://govstatus.egov.com/ky-healthy-at-work> Please review this information periodically as it is subject to change. FDAK will inform you when the guidelines change.