

GATHERING SAFELY DURING COVID-19

A Guide for Funeral Homes, Families and Friends



Regardless of vaccination status, it is recommended that individuals attending in-person services practice social distancing, wear a mask and wash or sanitize hands frequently.

Fully vaccinated individuals can still catch or spread highly contagious variants of COVID-19, so it's important for all funeral attendees, regardless of vaccination status, to practice measures that prevent transmission of COVID-19 to others.

CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES TO HANDSHAKES, KISSING AND HUGGING.

Putting your hand on your heart, bowing, offering a "What's up" nod, elbow bumping and waving are safer alternatives to handshakes, kisses and hugs.



When should family and friends not attend in-person services?

Individuals should stay home if sick, are part of an at-risk group (unless fully vaccinated) or are in quarantine because they are a close contact of a COVID-19 positive person.

At-risk individuals include people who are older or have severe underlying health conditions.

Consider Livestreaming.

The safest way for families and friends to honor their loved one and help prevent the spread of COVID-19 is to livestream services.

Attendees view the service using their phone, tablet, or computer.



Encourage attendees to contact the health department if they experience symptoms of COVID-19 or test positive for COVID-19 following the event.

How do I know who's fully vaccinated?

To be considered fully vaccinated, 14 days must have passed since an individual has received their second COVID-19 vaccine in a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series or their first vaccine in a one-dose COVID-19 vaccine series.

If you have questions, call 770-339-4260. Ask for Epi.