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NOTICE

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Dear Funeral Directors and Embalmers,

The Department understands that you have many questions regarding rapidly changing COVID 19 situation as it applies to your profession.

On March 16, Governor Lamont signed an executive order that prohibits large gatherings to a capacity of 50 people. As you are likely aware, this prohibition applies to funerals and wakes. Some funeral homes are livestreaming services and/or staggering visitors in order to adhere to the prohibition. All of these actions are ways to reduce the chance of spreading COVID 19.

For the latest information, resources, and guidance related to coronavirus (COVID-19), visit ct.gov/coronavirus.

Up to date COVID 19-related information and guidance specific to the funeral industry can be found here:

Office of the Chief Medical Examiner:
<https://portal.ct.gov/OCME/Funeral-Homes/COVID-19>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#funerals>

National Funeral Directors Association:
<https://nfda.org/covid-19>

Connecticut Funeral Directors Association
<http://www.ctfda.org/>

Thank you for your attention during to this important issue during this challenging time.



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