



METROPOLITAN
CEMETERIES BOARD



funeral director information update

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from Peter Deague, CEO
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subject **COVID-19 UPDATE; RESTRICTIONS TO FUNERALS**

Dear Funeral Directors

The MCB is continuing to liaise daily with the Department of Health to determine the best and most reasonable course of action in helping to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Due to the increasing and evolving situation in relation to COVID-19, and in the best interests of our community, the Metropolitan Cemeteries Board (MCB) has determined the following precautionary measure is now appropriate.

All Funerals, cremation and burial, to be restricted to immediate family and no more than 50 people at each gathering.

In addition, elderly people should carefully consider their need to attend funerals.

This advice may be subject to change at short notice and may be reviewed.

As per previous correspondence, we urge your assistance to ensure the safety of our families and mourners, funeral staff and employees to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We strongly encourage vigilance with safe health practices such as shaking hands and hugging, and that guests cover their coughs, and make use of the hand sanitiser that is provided before they enjoy the refreshments.

We ask that you discuss these precautionary measures with your families prior to the service and request that family and friends stay home if they are sick.

Kind Regards,

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