

# HOLD A CORONAVIRUS SAFE FUNERAL



- People may catch coronavirus from your loved one's body and also from one another at the funeral.
- A funeral usually provides the opportunity to say goodbye to a loved one. If you are unable to prepare a funeral as you are used to, plan to hold a ritual when it is safe, to help you say goodbye.

- Hold the funeral within three days of your loved one's passing.
- Maximum 50 people (family, guests and staff) are permitted to attend.
- Consider live-streaming for those over 55 years or with chronic conditions as they are at risk of severe COVID-19.
- The funeral ceremony should last less than 30 minutes.
- Do not hold a gathering after the funeral; mourners should leave straight after the ceremony.

## PREPARE YOUR LOVED ONE'S BODY WITH CARE:

- Washing and dressing your loved one should only be done by undertakers or those trained to use personal protective equipment.
- Your loved one's body must remain at the undertaker's until the funeral.



## IF YOU HOLD A VIEWING, DO SO SAFELY:

Do not let anyone touch the body. | Keep apart from each other.  
Wear a mask. | Sanitise hands afterwards.

## ENSURE MOURNERS ARE CORONAVIRUS SAFE:

- Ask people not to attend if they are sick.
- Mourners must wear cloth masks at all times.
- Provide hand sanitiser or hand-washing stations.
- Keep a register of mourners. This will enable health authorities to trace them should someone develop COVID-19.

**Keep 1,5 metres  
apart from others.**

**Avoid handshakes,  
hugging or kissing.**



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