



**Effective Date:** December 18, 2020

## Sector Guidance - Faith Institutions, Funeral Homes, Mortuaries and Cemeteries

**Authority:** Executive Order No. 20-66, ORS 433.441, ORS 433.443, ORS 431A.010

**Applicability:** This guidance applies statewide to faith institutions, funeral homes, mortuaries and cemeteries.

**Enforcement:** To the extent this guidance requires compliance with certain provisions, it is enforceable as specified in Executive Order No. 20-66, paragraph 10.

**Operators of faith institutions, funeral homes, mortuaries and cemeteries are required to:**

### General:

- Comply with the [Statewide Mask, Face Covering, Face Shield Guidance](#).
- Comply with the [Eating and Drinking Establishments Guidance](#) for the designated risk level of the county in which the faith institution, funeral home, mortuary and cemetery is located, if applicable.
  - For extreme risk counties prohibit on-site consumption of food or drinks unless integral to a religious service.

**Operators of funeral homes, mortuaries and cemeteries are required to:**

### Distance and Occupancy:

- Limit maximum capacity based on the [designated risk level](#) of the county in which the funeral home, mortuary or cemetery is located.

**Operators of faith institutions should, but are not required to:**

### Distance and Occupancy:

- Limit maximum capacity based on the [designated risk level](#) of the county in which the faith institution is located.

**Operators of faith institutions, funeral homes, mortuaries and cemeteries are required to:**

**Distance and Occupancy:**

- Maintain physical distance of at least six (6) feet between people, except that members of the same household can be within six (6) feet of each other.
- Determine seating and or configuration to comply with all physical distancing requirements.
- Assign a physical distancing monitor to ensure compliance with all distancing requirements, including at entrances, exits, restrooms and any other area where people may meet or crowd.
- Do not combine households or allow shared seating for individuals not in the same households.
- Remove or restrict seating or standing areas to facilitate the requirement of at least six (6) feet of physical distance between households.
- Prohibit people in different households from meeting/crowding in any area of the facility, both indoor and outdoor, including in parking lots.

**Cleaning and Disinfection:**

- Thoroughly clean all areas of gathering space prior to reopening after any extended closure.
- Thoroughly clean the gathering space between events according to the cleaning and disinfection requirements.
- Use disinfectants that are included on the [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) approved list](#) for the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 virus.
- Assign a sanitation attendant or attendants to frequently clean and disinfect work areas, high-traffic areas, and commonly touched surfaces in areas accessed by workers and attendees/participants.
- Assign a sanitation attendant or attendants to clean restrooms hourly during the event, and ensure adequate sanitary supplies (e.g., soap, toilet paper, 60-95% alcohol-content hand sanitizer) during all events.

**Operators of faith institutions, funeral homes, mortuaries and cemeteries should, but are not required to:**

- Consider live-streaming the performance to attendees to limit the size of in-person gatherings.
- When singing or playing instruments, consider moving the performance outdoors.
- When playing brass and wind instruments, consider moving the performance outdoors and consider covering the instruments to keep droplets from spreading when using the instrument.

- Consider using amplifiers or other sound enhancing equipment to reduce the need to yell or increase the volume of the performers' voices.
- Consider increasing physical distancing greater than six (6) feet apart between individuals outdoors.

## **Additional Resources:**

- [Signs you can post](#)
- [Statewide Mask, Face Covering, Face Shield Guidance](#)

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