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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.

Definitions: For purposes of this guidance, the following definitions apply:

- “Clean” or “Cleaning” means the use of soap or detergents and water on surfaces to reduce or remove germs from surfaces.
- “Disinfect” or “Disinfecting” means the use of disinfectants following cleaning, to kill germs that may remain on surfaces after cleaning.

General:

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

- 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.

Distance and Occupancy:

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

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

Distance and Occupancy:

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

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

Distance and Occupancy:

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

- 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:

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

- Frequently clean commonly touched surfaces-in work areas and high-traffic areas.
- Assign a sanitation attendant or attendants to frequently clean work areas, high-traffic areas, and commonly touched surfaces in areas accessed by workers and attendees/participants.
- Ensure that restrooms are clean and have adequate sanitary supplies (e.g., soap, toilet paper, 60-95% alcohol-content hand sanitizer) during all events.
- Disinfecting surfaces after cleaning is recommended if [certain conditions apply](#), such as the space having been occupied by an individual with COVID-19. Use disinfectants that are included on the [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) approved list](#) for the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19.
 - ♦ Operators may consider following the disinfection practices recommended by the [Pediatric Environmental Health Safety Units](#).

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](#)
- [CDC Guidance: Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](#)

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