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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.

Note: The [Interim Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Individuals](#) applies to this Sector Guidance. Faith institutions, funeral homes, mortuaries and cemeteries may permit fully vaccinated individuals to enter without masks or face coverings in accordance with the [Interim Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Individuals](#).

Note: The [Statewide Masks, Face Covering, Face Shields Guidance](#) was revised on May 18, 2021, loosening some mask requirements. Faith institutions, funeral homes, mortuaries and cemeteries are not required to comply with mask, face covering, or face shield restrictions in this Sector Guidance to the extent they are more restrictive than the requirements in the revised Statewide Masks, Face Covering, Face Shields Guidance. For example, if this Sector Guidance refers to a requirement to wear a mask outdoors, the requirement has been superseded by the Statewide Masks, Face Covering, Face Shields Guidance and is no longer effective.

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](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Individuals](#)
- [Statewide Mask, Face Covering, Face Shield Guidance](#)
- [CDC Guidance: Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](#)

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