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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.

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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