UPDATE: Cemetery Stakeholder Communication: COVID-19

We are providing clarification on yesterday’s extension of Ohio's Stay Home Order as it relates to funerals. You can read the entire order [here](https://www.com.ohio.gov/real). Per the order from the Director of the Department of Health issued April 2, 2020:

Funeral, mortuary, cremation, burial, cemetery and related services are essential businesses and operations. These essential businesses and operations may remain open. Individuals may leave their homes to attend funerals. Funerals are not subject to the ten-person limitation in Paragraph 3 of the Order.

However, any essential business and operation that chooses to remain open must comply with social distancing requirements as defined in the Order, by maintaining six-foot social distancing for both employees and members of the public at all times, including, but not limited to, when any customers are standing in line. Essential businesses that continue to operate must take proactive measures to ensure compliance with social distancing requirements, including where possible, all requirements under section (15)(a) of the Order:

- Designate six-foot distances - Designating with signage, tape, or by other means six-foot spacing for employees and customers (in line) to maintain appropriate distance.
- Hand sanitizer and sanitizing product - Have hand sanitizer and sanitizing products readily available for employees and customers.
- Separate operating hours for vulnerable populations - Implementing separate operating hours for elderly and vulnerable customers.
- Online and remote access – Post online the facility hours of operation and provide the best contact information including phone, email or point of contact.

The Order shall be effective at 11:59 pm on April 6, 2020 and remains in effect until 11:59 p.m. on May 1, 2020, unless the Director of the Ohio Department of Health rescinds or modifies the Order at a sooner time and date.

We thank you for all you are doing to fulfill an unfortunate but necessary, essential service to your community and all of Ohio. We hope this information is helpful to you.

As always, if you have any questions, please email WebReal@com.state.oh.us.