

Vermont Cemetery Association

COVID 19 Update - 5/20/20

Best Practices for Funeral Services Outside at Cemeteries:

- All employees and volunteers are required to complete COVID19 VOSHA training - <https://labor.vermont.gov/VOSHA>
 - Keep a record of this training.
- Provide hand sanitizer at a central location near the funeral.
- Everyone follow CDC guidelines at all times, especially face coverings and physical distancing.
- Attendees should be in separate family pods of 1-10 people and each pod needs to stay at least 6 feet away from other pods.
- Promote folks watching from their vehicles and drive-by visitations.
- If ceremonial soil is thrown onto the casket, disinfection of the shovels between each person is mandatory.
- Cemetery employees, vault company employees and funeral attendees stay separate at all times.
- Don't allow non-cemetery folks to enter your buildings, vehicles, equipment.
- After the service, no congregation of attendees is allowed anywhere in the cemetery.
- Work with your Funeral Director!