



## Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and Funerals

### Funerals During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Decedents with COVID-19 can be buried or cremated. During the COVID-19 pandemic, it is essential that families and funeral homes continue with cremations and burials of the deceased. The Texas Funeral Directors Association (<https://www.tfda.com/covid-19>) and the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) (<https://www.nfda.org/covid-19>) have released guidance about funerals during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The NFDA has recommended the following:

- Have a private viewing for only immediate family and/or close friends.
  - Offer an option for a large memorial service for all family and friends at a later date.
- Delay the funeral and hold it at a later date. Discuss options for final disposition if this option is chosen.
- Discuss options for webcasting the funeral so others can view from home.