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## Effective Immediately

As you are aware we are under strict guidelines due to the March 21, 2020 Executive Order 107 Executive Order 107 New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy that states all New Jersey residents are to stay at home until further notice - **the cemetery is closed to visitations effective immediately.**

**At-Need - Interment Only - services are available at all of our locations.** In order to curtail community-spread and provide for adequate social distancing, all residents have been ordered to remain in their residences and not gather publicly.

One funeral director, one witness and a clergy member will be allowed to bring the deceased to our cemeteries. Essential staff of Arlington Cemetery will accept the deceased and perform the interments. **For everyone's protection, additional family of the deceased will not be allowed to enter our cemeteries at this time.**

Anyone else that follows the procession will be denied access. If there are any issues the cemetery will have to contact the local police station to escort the additional people away from the premises.

If you cannot comply, we ask that you cancel or postpone your service until we are cleared from this pandemic.

Please SIGN AND RETURN (via fax or email) this form to receive access to the cemetery, if we do not have this form signed and submitted before your scheduled arrival day we will not be permitted to grant access to the cemetery for interment.

Funeral Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Funeral Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Please fax or email the following forms for your upcoming interments:

- Burial Transit
- Immediate Need Contract
- Interment Acknowledgement
- Authorization Form
- Medicaid Forms (When applicable)

**The only thing you should bring with you to the cemetery is the check for payment.** When you arrive at the cemetery, if the gates are locked please call us and we will send someone to escort your procession.

**Fax: 201-243-3068**

**Email: [ArlingtonCemeteryNJ@gmail.com](mailto:ArlingtonCemeteryNJ@gmail.com)**

03/30/2020

# NO PROCESSIONS WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE CEMETERY

We have been working diligently to make sure we can accommodate families in the midst of this crisis revolving COVID-19/Coronavirus by allowing interments to continue with a few rules to increase the safety of our clients, the funeral staff, and the cemetery workers. However, we are not seeing compliance from the funeral home/families, and if this continues we will be forced to close the cemetery until after the Executive Order is changed and we can be assured of safer conditions.

We have notified all funeral homes verbally, by fax and email, including a requirement for the funeral director's signature stating they understand the rules and regulations for coming into the cemetery and the limitations we have on who can attend the funeral. Unfortunately, and despite our best efforts, the funerals are still attempting to come into the cemetery with a caravan of people attempting to attend the burial services.

**THIS IS NOT PERMITTED. We are only permitting a funeral director, a single family member as a witness, and a clergy member as of 03/29/2020. You MUST make it clear to the family that they are not to follow you to the cemetery.**

If any funeral comes to the cemetery followed by vehicles we will not permit access to the cemetery, and **THE INTERMENT WILL NOT TAKE PLACE**. We also do not permit people to park nearby and stand alongside the cemetery on the roadside. If there is ANY type of gathering the interment will not take place. We will not put our workers in jeopardy and we will not go against Governor Phil Murphy's executive orders.

If you cannot abide by these rules and regulations, we ask that you choose to utilize another cemetery. If you have been abiding by our rules, we thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this time.

As a reminder, if we do not have ALL PAPERWORK sent to us in advance, we will not permit entrance to the cemetery. Please inquire about making your payment in advance.