

Retz Funeral Home

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UPDATED MEMO CONCERNING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Current spikes in cases and the coming holiday season with travels and family gatherings have caused an adjustment to our approach to funerals and visitations through the end of the year.

I miss having funerals and memorial services at churches, often the church was a central part of a person's life and not being able to have their last worship service in the church is difficult.

Most of the churches in our area have restrictions in place to prevent transmission of 'the virus.' We are working with clergy and families on a 1 on 1 basis to meet their needs and wishes.

In consultation with the family we are serving and the clergy involved the following will be our guides for determining what we do for funerals.

- 1. We will not host a public visitations until after January 1, 2021 unless the situation changes for the better sooner.*
- 2. All services will be available for watching on the internet unless the family requests not to. If live-streaming is not possible the service will be posted on the internet as soon as possible. There is no additional cost to the family for this service.*
- 3. Services at the funeral home will be limited to family only, while usually this is spouse, children, grandchildren and siblings, this may be adjusted on a 1 on 1 basis for the needs of the family.*
- 4. In any event, numbers in the funeral home will be limited to state and federal guidelines, without exception.*
- 5. If you are experiencing symptoms, are in quarantine, have been exposed, or are waiting for test results DO NOT COME TO THE FUNERAL HOME. If you are in a high-risk group please consider not attending.*
- 6. Attendees may choose to wear a mask and MAY BE REQUIRED TO. We are unable to supply masks to the public due to our difficulty in acquiring needed Personal Protective Equipment for our use.*

These guides will be used as guides only. It is hoped that this will help families and clergy to understand how this pandemic may affect their family. The main purpose of this is to protect the health of all attendees and clergy as well as members of the public we contact after this service.

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