

GUIDELINES FOR FUNERALS IN THE LANGEBERG MUNICIPALITY DURING COVID-19



It is important that families and funeral undertakers acquaint themselves with the different risk levels and the applicable regulations. These regulations might change whenever the alert levels are adjusted and it would determine movements between provinces, metropolitan areas or district municipalities and where to obtain the required permits for traveling to and from funerals. *Section 35 of the Regulations: Alert Level 3 during Covid-19 Lockdown* clearly stipulates how funerals should be conducted. **Complete guidelines available at www.langeberg.gov.za**



Movement between provinces, metropolitan areas or districts by a person intending to attend a funeral is only permitted if the person is:

- a spouse or partner of the deceased; child or grandchild of the deceased, whether biological, adopted, stepchild, or a foster child;
- child-in-law of the deceased;
- parent of the deceased whether biological, adopted or stepparent;
- sibling, whether biological, adopted or stepbrother or sister of the deceased; or grandparent of the deceased.



- **Attendance at a funeral is limited to 50 persons and is not regarded as a prohibited gathering.**
- Night vigils are prohibited.
- During a funeral, all health protocols and social distancing measures must be adhered to in order to limit exposure of persons at the funeral to COVID-19.

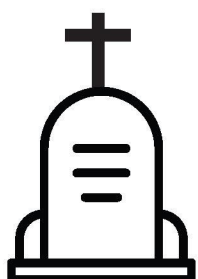
FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

- All COVID – 19 related funerals in Langeberg municipal area should take place within 7 days. If the seventh day is on a Saturday, the funeral can take place the preceding Friday. However if the seventh day is on a Sunday, the funeral can take place the next day.
- No community halls will be available for funeral services.
- An attendance register of all mourners, stating full names, ID numbers, addresses and contact phone numbers must be kept and submitted to the municipality for contact tracing purposes.

DAY OF COVID-19 FUNERAL

- Cremation is recommended where a person has passed on due to COVID-19.
- A burial or cremation of the mortal remains of a person who died of COVID-19 must be carried out in terms of the Human Remains Regulations.
- Burial services should not exceed two hours.
- Only close family members should attend the funeral of a person that died of COVID-19.
- A COVID-19 patient should not attend a burial service irrespective of his or her relationship with the deceased.

THE LOCAL SAPS OFFICE MUST BE INFORMED OF ALL FUNERAL SERVICES TAKING PLACE.



CEMETRIES

There are 15 cemeteries in the municipality and while the capacity might vary, there is no specially designated cemetery for those who passed on due to Covid-19. Families are encouraged to work with their selected funeral undertaker to ensure that all paperwork is submitted and payments are made timeously to ensure no disruptions with their respective funeral arrangements.

Undertakers do not need to visit any of our offices but are encouraged to contact the municipality via email bookings@langeberg.gov.za or telephonically.

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