

# CORONA VIRUS FUNERAL HOME SAFETY PLAN

## QUICK CHECK

### Shopping List

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| 1) Lysol spray or other disinfectant spray | 6) Paper towels                                    |
| 2) Hand sanitizer gel, spray, or foam      | 7) Latex or nitrile gloves                         |
| 3) Sanitizing wipes                        | 8) Chlorine Bleach                                 |
| 4) Kleenex or facial tissue                | 9) Disinfectant cleaner for floors & hard surfaces |
| 5) Anti-bacterial soap (Dial-golden)       | 10) Trash bags (medium sized – See Removals**)     |

### In the Funeral Home

- Have Lysol spray, sanitizer gel, sanitary wipes and boxes of tissues (Kleenex) in all vehicles, offices, restrooms, chapels and viewing rooms, morgue and casket selection room, etc.
- Everyone should wash hands frequently with anti-bacterial soap and dry with paper towel.
- Wipe down all door handles, toilets, sinks and water fountains with sanitizer several times during the day depending upon your traffic.
- Sick workers should stay at home

### Removals

- \*\*All removals (that are not in a body bag) should be done with a medium sized plastic bag \*\* placed over the face and head of the deceased. A pillow case can be used if there is no plastic bag. (I would suggest spraying the deceased's body with Lysol disinfectant at the site of removal. Be respectful - ask the family to step out while this is done.)
- Removals should always be done using universal precautions: Double gloves, mask and lab coats or gowns. Disposable gowns are best. Cloth lab coats should only be used once then washed with bleach after each use.
- Disinfect shoes and pants legs with Lysol when leaving the place of removal and the embalming / prep-room.
- Use shoe covers when possible.
- Disinfect the hearse and removal cot.

### Embalming

- Embalmers should wear FULL PPE with all cases – Bunny suits with closed in foot are best.
- Embalmers should follow the regular cleansing of hands and disinfecting of shoes
- Thoroughly washed all bodies and spray with disinfectant before and after preparation.
- Mop and sanitize prep-room
- Keep trash covered
- If possible, install an extended aspirator drain hose to avoid excessive splashing during aspiration

### Funeral Services

- Encourage people to not kiss or hug until this virus has abated
- Elbow bumps are a good way to pass the peace if people need or want to touch
- Encourage the use of sanitizer and tissues
- Keep facial masks in a Ziplock bag in the glove box of your limos and hearses.
- Offer masks to those who may be coughing or sneezing – *Remember: it is pollen season.*
- Wear gloves when removing used tissues and masks from your facilities and vehicles
- Lead by example

Colleagues:

This is not a fool-proof plan, but it is better than having **no plan** at all.

Add whatever works for your firm and continue to check with the CDC website for updates to protocols.

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