Funeral Guidelines During COVID-19 at The Woodlands

Under the Governor and Mayor's current COVID-19 guidelines, Death Care Services are considered essential businesses. The Woodlands has established the following on-site rules for the safe use of our property and facilities, which align with the regulations put in place by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the City of Philadelphia. These rules are non-negotiable and are in place for the protection of our staff, The Woodlands community and anyone entering and using the property and facilities. No burial will take place until the funeral home and an authorized family member sign and return this document to The Woodlands.

We seek your continued assistance to ensure those who are visiting The Woodlands as witnesses for funeral services are aware of CDC, Commonwealth and local guidelines intended to protect everyone’s health and safety. Please Emphasize with families that the CDC recommends those individuals who are not feeling well, have been exposed to someone who is COVID-19 positive, or have received a COVID-19 positive diagnosis to not leave their homes except to get medical care and to not visit public areas, which includes The Woodlands.

To ensure social distancing at the cemetery, witnessing family members will be asked to view the interment from their cars or the road very near their cars. Families may visit the gravesite in the days following the interment consistent with CDC guidelines and local travel restrictions.

The City of Philadelphia has banned all gatherings and instituted a Stay at Home Order. Gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited.

- All efforts must be made to maintain at least 6 feet of space between individuals.
- All visitors, including funeral home staff, MUST wear a mask at all times.
- Restroom facilities are unavailable until further notice.
- A limit of 5 (five) cars will be allowed on site per funeral. This includes the cars of the funeral home and hearse.
- Contactless paperwork exchange will be arranged with The Woodlands Staff in advance.
- Under no circumstances should any attendees or funeral home staff come within 10 feet of The Woodlands Staff.

While we know that grieving in this time is especially difficult, these regulations will help keep you and your loved ones safe. For more information and to reach The Woodlands Staff, please email info@woodlandsphila.org.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have fully read and will follow the rules set forth by The Woodlands Cemetery Company Management. I understand failure to follow these rules will result in my immediate removal from The Woodlands.

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Signature of Funeral Home Staff  Signature of an Authorized Family Member