



EMANU EL MEMORIAL PARK

FUNERAL PROTOCOL

When planning funerals at EEMP, please refer to the following guidelines put into place to keep everyone as safe as possible during the pandemic, while trying to keep the families' feelings and wishes in mind. We share in your grief and understand how difficult things are at this time. These guidelines are reviewed on a continuing basis by the Cemetery Committee and Clergy with guidance from the Office of the Governor and local leaders.

- It is recommended that funerals remain small for immediate/close family members only. We recommend that bereavement notices to the congregation state that the funeral is private and that the funeral date, time and/or location will not be published on the funeral home website or any print publication until after the funeral service.
- It is recommended that all funerals be graveside.
- The maximum size of the graveside funeral will be 10 including family members and Clergy. Ramirez Cemetery Crew and Funeral Director Staff will not be counted and will be kept a safe distance from graveside.
- No chairs or tent will be set up for a graveside funeral.
- No shovels will be used by family or clergy for placing earth into graves.
- 6-foot social distancing will be maintained before, during and after the service including when entering and exiting the gravesite area and/or chapel.
- Face coverings will be required for all guests, clergy, funeral home staff, Ramirez Cemetery Crew and off-duty officers and will not be provided by EEMP.
- Gloves and alcohol wipes will be provided by EEMP and offered to everyone for all services conducted at our cemetery.
- The restrooms are closed and locked when there are no services. They will be opened and cleaned by EEMP's professional cleaning service before and after every funeral service.
- It is up to each Funeral Director to decide whether or not they will be providing any printed materials, tissues, kippot (which cannot be returned) or water bottles for distribution. They will also be responsible if they will be providing live-streaming or recording.
- The Funeral Directors will provide kriaah ribbons and Israel earth. The kriaah ribbons will be placed where the family can pick them up (not distributed by anyone), and individuals will tear their own ribbons.
- For safety and health precautions, we recommend that traditional shiva gatherings not be conducted in mourners' homes.