

Funerals and COVID-19

Something Beautiful Remains Funeral Services issues the following information to reassure you that we are taking all the precautions, as advised by health authorities and industry practices, to ensure that we continue to provide a comprehensive, caring and individual service for your families and loved-ones.

The uppermost priority is the well-being and safety of our families, staff and associates. In accordance with the information from the Chief Medical Officer, we will be asking our families to consider certain factors when planning a funeral;

- If you, or anyone you know, have fulfilled the criteria for testing and/or isolation due to the virus, then please do not attend the service. You should continue to observe the instructions issued by the medical authorities.
- The number of attendees to a service should align with mandated restrictions outlined for funerals, i.e. not more than 10 people, subject to the 4sqm rule, for all services. Please note that this excludes any person required for conducting the service, such as clergy or celebrant. Through consultation with families and service providers, we will ensure that the maximum number of family and friends can attend.
- Consider alternate services. For example, if your loved-one is to be cremated, one option would be to have a private cremation followed by a memorial service. These could be held at such locations as a park, the beach, private property and so on.
- Many of the cemeteries and crematoria in Sydney are offering live streaming, webcasts and recordings of services. This allows those unable to attend to still be a part of the occasion of honouring the life of those passed.

In addition to the above, NSW Health have issued the following restrictions regarding Local Government Areas of concern;

Funeral and memorial services held in Greater Sydney including the Blue Mountains and Wollongong

Attending a funeral or memorial service is a reasonable excuse to leave home and to attend a funeral or memorial service in Greater Sydney including the Blue Mountains and Wollongong, subject to the following rules:

If you live outside Greater Sydney, you can leave home and enter Greater Sydney to attend a funeral or memorial service only if you are a:

spouse (including de facto) of the deceased
parent of the deceased
child of the deceased, or
sibling of the deceased.

If you live in Greater Sydney, but not in an area of concern, you can leave home to enter an area of concern, to attend a funeral or memorial service only if you are a:
spouse (including de facto) of the deceased

parent of the deceased
child of the deceased, or
sibling of the deceased.

If you live in an area of concern within Greater Sydney you can leave that area to attend a funeral or memorial service in Greater Sydney, only if you are a:
spouse (including de facto) of the deceased,
parent of the deceased,
child of the deceased, or
sibling of the deceased.

Our commitment is to ensure that the celebration of life continues to reflect the wishes of the individual, and the love and caring of their families. We will update this page as developments come to light, and ask you to please contact us if you have any questions regarding funerals in general during these unusual times.

Should you require any information or updates on COVID-19 advice, please visit www.health.gov.au, or call the National Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080.

Keep well,
Caryn and Phil.