

Standard Guideline #3 - For Funeral Services – Graveside or Columbarium

This is a standard Guideline including Temporary License for Communion for Funeral Services which can be used by a parish as their plan for conducting this type of service. The parish can request this temporary license by email stating:

- That they will follow the Guideline as outlined below
- Identify the space to be used, and entry/exit points (preferably with a sketch) to their church and if applicable the columbarium.
- The Celebrant/Officiant

The Temporary License supplements an online, Eucharist Service worship by distributing communion using the Communion Under Special Circumstances Rite in the Book of Common Prayer.

**General**

1. This is a temporary license for single events. These services are anticipated to be isolated, one-time events.
2. If a visitation is conducted prior to the service, it shall be done using Standard Guideline #2 and there will be a separation of a minimum of one hour between the end of the visitation and the start of the service.
3. The service will follow the general rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer and if part of the service distribution of communion will take place as allowed by the Communion Under Special Circumstances Rite of the Book of Common Prayer.
4. The service will be limited to 10 persons from the family and one clergy member.
5. Set up will be accomplished prior to the service.
6. The service shall be no longer than 30 minutes.
7. Clergy member will distribute consecrated hosts only.
8. Only recorded music may be played.
9. All requirements of the Guidelines will be met including screening of attendees, social distancing, wearing a properly fitted mask.

## **Funeral Service**

1. If burial is at a gravesite
  - a. The number of participants at the church will be determined by the Dashboard status for indoor services. If the status is not 'green' or 'yellow', the limit will be 10 people plus one clergy.
  - b. The number of participants at the gravesite will be determined by the Dashboard status for outdoor services. If the status is not 'green' or 'yellow', the limit will be 10 people plus one clergy.
  
2. If burial is at into a columbarium:
  - a. The number of participants at the church will be determined by the Dashboard status for indoor services. If the status is not 'green' or 'yellow', the limit will be 10 people plus one clergy.
  - b. The internment is considered part of the service for time.
  - c. If the columbarium is in a confined space, only the number of people possible with proper social distancing will be allowed in the space to intern the ashes.

## **Distribution of Communion Under Special Circumstances**

1. If communion is to be part of the service, Communion Under Special Circumstances using Standard Guideline #1 will be used.

## **Approval of the Temporary License for Communion Under Special Circumstances**

1. Following receipt of the request, the Bishop or Standing Committee, with assistance of the Way Force Task Force, provide a response approving the request by email.
2. Once this response email is received, the parish may conduct the service.
3. Separate requests are required for each service.