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To all Funeral Directors,

Further guidance regarding the management of COVID – 19

Further to my letter dated 20 March 2020, I write to inform you that in a bid to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Dudley Council has made the decision that only the immediate family of the deceased should attend the Crematorium Service. Immediate family are: Next of Kin (spouse / partner), siblings and partners, parents, children and partners and if applicable, carer.

Furthermore, in line with Government social distancing measures, the following will be implemented.

Stourbridge Crematorium

Mourners will be restricted to two per pew with an empty pew left in between those that are seated. This will allow for a maximum of 18 people in the chapel.

Gornal Wood Crematorium

Mourners will be restricted to three per pew with an empty pew left in between those that are seated. This will allow for a maximum of 22 people in the chapel.

If there are mourners that cannot be seated as above, they will be required to remain outside the Chapel. Whilst outside, we will install signage advising people to remain at least 2m apart from each other.

Hopefully following our guidance of only having immediate family at the service, all those attending will be able to be seated in the Chapel.

The Council regrets having to issue this instruction and recognises the support and assistance that will be required from Funeral Directors. I must therefore thank you for your anticipated co-operation in helping to reduce the spread of this virus.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require clarification on any of the above matters.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'I. Bailey', written over a horizontal line.

Ian Bailey
Principal Bereavement Services Officer
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