



North Carolina Board of Funeral Service

TO: Licensees and Permit Holders

FROM: Stephen Davis, Executive Director

As we confront the challenges associated with responding to the impact of the Coronavirus on funeral service professionals, the Board will be sending information and updates on a regular basis through both email and postings to the website. We want to assure you that the Board represents an important resource for information and issues pertaining to the practice of professional funeral service. Please make all reasonable effort to check your emails and visit the website as well as other sources available to you through national, state and local news outlets and the Internet.

The COVID-19 infection that is rapidly spreading throughout our nation presents serious and difficult challenges for each of you who are so committed to professional funeral service. We understand that you are looking for answers and solutions to these challenges, particularly when you learn that there are limits on how many people can gather for a funeral service, visitation or other memorial event. The Board will provide information as timely as possible regarding these issues, but we cannot provide legal advice and counsel.

This is a difficult time for our nation and the families we serve. We have to rely upon the information available to each of us so that we can each determine how best to comply with restrictions that the Governor or federal agencies may impose on us. The Board will make every realistic and reasonable effort to provide this information and keep you informed. Like you, we share a common objective in assuring thoughtful and respectful service to families during their time of bereavement.

The Board is committed to supporting you and all those who assist you in helping those families. In this time of public health crisis, we will do our best to help you assure the protection of those you serve. We are also fully aware of the need to assure the safety and well-being of those who work in funeral establishments and are constantly exposed to dangers from viruses, illness and other hazards resulting from close contact with families and their guests.

We can get through this crisis by working together as professional colleagues and in partnership. Your ideas, suggestions, constructive criticisms and comments are always welcomed.