



OKLAHOMA FUNERAL BOARD

April 13, 2020

Dear Colleague,

Please find two attachments with this email. One is a video of Governor Stitt in a recent press conference specifically addressing funerals and funeral homes in Oklahoma to adhere to the ban on 'Gatherings Larger than 10' as outlined in his Executive Order. Remember, each of us has the power, through our choices and actions, to protect the families we serve and each other. We must not lose sight of those that are most vulnerable to this virus and do everything we can to minimize the spread of COVID-19. Please continue to be innovative with technology to allow families and friends to participate in ceremonies virtually.

Second, I have included the 'COVID-19 SAFER AT HOME' printed material that specifically mentions 'FUNERALS' in the 'NO MORE THAN 10'. You will find this on the second page of this email. I recommend printing this material and having it readily available to the families and communities you serve.

Finally, as I mentioned in my April 3rd letter to you, the Oklahoma Funeral Board will not tolerate funeral homes using the ban on "Gatherings Larger than 10" as a competitive advantage to attract families seeking to have a funeral, memorial service, graveside service, or visitation that exceeds 10 people. Additionally, the report of **ANY** funeral home conducting a funeral service, memorial service, graveside service, or visitation that exceeds 10 people will be investigated. Gatherings of 10 or more is a direct violation of Governor's Stitt Executive Order. Any complaint received by the Oklahoma Funeral Board in violation of this Executive Order will be taken serious and addressed.

Thank you for everything you do. Be smart and be safe.

Sincerely,

Chad Vice
President
Oklahoma Funeral Board
Oklahoma City, OK



COVID-19 **SAFER AT HOME**

ALERT

**AVOID GATHERINGS LARGER
THAN 10 THRU APRIL 30:**

**NO MORE THAN 10
INCLUDES:**



Religious
gatherings



Weddings and
celebration
ceremonies



Funerals

ALTERNATIVES INCLUDE:

- Facebook Live
- Postponing celebration events
- Family members only with 10 or less
- Drive by events, with attendees viewing from inside individual cars



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