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COVID-19 OUTBREAK GUIDELINE COMPLIANCE

Antelope Valley Cemetery District/Lancaster Cemetery (AVCD) is monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic and following the guidance of government and health authorities. Due to the recent COVID-19 Outbreak and per the CDC most recent recommendations, AVCD is suspending ALL scheduled events and programs through May 1, 2020 (this date may change). All program cancellations will be announced on our website and Facebook page and we will do our best to reschedule as many as possible.

Large events and mass gatherings can contribute to the spread of COVID-19 in the United States via travelers who attend these events and introduce the virus to new communities. Examples of large events and mass gatherings include conferences, festivals, parades, concerts, sporting events, weddings, and other types of assemblies. These events can be planned not only by organizations and communities but also by individuals.

Therefore, CDC, in accordance with its guidance for large events and mass gatherings, recommends that for the next 8 weeks, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 10 people or more throughout the United States, if the gathering may serve higher-risk populations. Please note that if there is a change in recommendations or regulation over the size of gatherings, AVCD reserves the right to adopt these new guidelines. It is our intention to provide the opportunity for your family to have a meaningful service, and we are committed to make all options available. During this time, we may be limited on these options, but will work each family.

Centers for Disease Control or Prevention, Interim Guidance for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Guidance as of 3/15/2020; <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/mass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html>

At this time the cemetery gates will remain open Monday through Sunday sunrise to sunset, 365 days per year, as always. Our offices will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office is closed on the weekends. In accordance with our guidelines, we will be limiting the time of graveside services to 15 minutes with watching the lowering not permitted. 10 chairs will be setup for the funeral. No more than 10 immediate family members will be allowed to attend the service. Funeral attendees must sit six feet apart in accordance to the CDC guidelines, and stay a distance of six feet from Cemetery employees.

Please contact the office directly by phone or by e-mail to make an appointment. **NO WALK-INS PLEASE!** Call (661) 942-6110, e-mail lancastercem@verizon.net, or leave a message with our answering service to make an appointment. Our staff will always be available to you during business hours, Monday through Friday, and will do our best to make accommodations that meet the current recommended guidelines.

We are committed to responsibly responding to the needs of the communities we are privilege to serve. We thank you for your understanding and patience as we continue to serve those most fundamental business activities, including burial and cremation services. This situation is constantly changing, and we may amend procedures under the directives of government and health authorities.

Please remember – this is for everyone’s safety and peace of mind.