

SAIF's coronavirus (Covid-19) update #2 140521

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England

Long-form guidance for managing a funeral updated

Further to the earlier coronavirus bulletin today, SAIF is now able to share with members updated long-form guidance for managing a funeral in England during the coronavirus pandemic. The guidance can be [downloaded here](#) and it includes the following changes:

- Capacity limits for a funeral have changed from a maximum of 30 attendees to no numerical maximum but rather limits defined by the risk assessment of the venue, based on enabling social distancing between attendees and staff within the venue (whether inside or outside)
- Changes to social distancing advice where friends and family can now choose whether to have close contact, after considering the risk
- Organisers therefore need to enable social distancing as opposed to ensuring social distancing and this should be reflected in seating arrangements
- Clinically extremely vulnerable people are able to attend funerals and are also able to take a risk-based decision when deciding whom to have close contact with
- Attendance at commemorative events is increasing from up to 15 to up to 30 people
- Changes to singing advice in line with wider places of worship and safer singing advice
- Changes to enforcement advice including removal of reference to a £10,000 fixed penalty notice as a means of enforcement for high attendance at a funeral.

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