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## Graveside Recommendations

The nation is experiencing an unprecedented number of deaths, and the strain on the burial vault industry continues. NCBVA hopes you are healthy and well and endorses best practices to help mitigate the spread of COVID. Current CDC considerations for gatherings are as follows:

- Ensure adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high-touch materials to the extent possible; otherwise, limit use of supplies and equipment to one group of staff members or attendees at a time, and clean and disinfect them between use.
- Consider ways to significantly reduce the number of attendees.
- Encourage attendees ahead of the event to bring and use masks at the event.

On May 21, 2020, NCBVA believed it was the appropriate time to safely reintroduce tents and chairs, assuming you were confident in your supply of disinfectant. In addition, the NCBVA continues to recommend the following best practices:

- Use gloves when setting up and handling equipment – grass, tents, chairs, lowering devices, dollies, etc.
- Properly sanitize and disinfect tent poles and sidewalls.
- Properly sanitize and disinfect chairs.
- Extend the discontinuation of chair covers and lap blankets unless you have a way to disinfect them.
- Extend the discontinuation of water cooler service.
- If you utilize disposable chair covers, make sure they are disposed of properly and safely.
- Feel free to space chairs in pods for each family and use safe social distancing of 6' between the pods. For example, a family of four that lives in the same household may be seated together as long as they are 6' away from the next pod of family members.
- Consider an alternate tent/chair set up to allow 360° seating around the vault, if possible, to aid in social distancing.
- The vault crew should refrain from approaching the grave if two or more people are present. Workers should maintain social distancing of 6'.

Amended to include:

- Vault/cemetery crew and graveside attendees should bring and wear masks.

We realize everyone will do what they think is best for their company to meet the needs of their local area and the frequency that they are able to disinfect. This document serves as the NCBVA position and what we, as a unified voice representing all major brands, are recommending for the burial vault industry. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT WHATEVER OPTIONS YOU IMPLEMENT - THAT YOU COMPLY WITH ALL OF YOUR STATE AND LOCAL GUIDELINES.**

