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## Revisions to Graveside Recommendations

As States begin revising their executive orders and slowly lifting restrictions, NCBVA is adjusting their graveside service recommendation. While we recognize each market is different, if you feel your market is not ready to introduce certain graveside equipment, then please refrain from doing so until the time is right for your area. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT WHATEVER OPTIONS YOU IMPLEMENT - THAT YOU COMPLY WITH ALL OF YOUR STATE AND LOCAL GUIDELINES.**

On March 19th NCBVA recommended discontinuing the use of lap blankets, water cooler service, chairs and chair covers and tent sidewalls. Many members took it one step further and discontinued setting a tent. NCBVA believes now is the appropriate time to safely reintroduce tents and chairs, assuming you are confident in your supply of disinfectant.

The NCBVA recommends 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.
- Properly sanitize and disinfect chairs.
- Extend the discontinuation of chair covers unless you have a way to disinfect the covers.
- 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'.

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