



COVID-19 LEICESTERSHIRE MUSLIM FUNERAL SUPPORT

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING FUNERALS

At this very difficult time we are making an urgent plea to the community to restrict the number of individuals that are attending the burial of our deceased. Cemetery employees have expressed alarm at the number of people attending funerals and in some cases the lack of social distancing. This is completely unacceptable and can be a cause of harm to the cemetery staff and our volunteers.

As of immediate effect

- Maximum Number of Family Members to attend a funeral is “5”.
- Please **DO NOT** attend the cemetery if you have been in contact with the deceased and should be self-isolating.
- Please **DO-NOT** attend the cemetery if you are exhibiting any symptoms of the Corona Virus.
- Please **DO NOT** attend the cemetery if you have been in close contact with anyone exhibiting symptoms of the Corona Virus.
- Please **DO NOT** attend the cemetery if you have any underlying health conditions.
- Please **DO NOT** attend the cemetery if you are over 70 years old.
- Please **DO NOT** engage in Hand Shaking or Hugging at the cemetery and all social distancing protocols should be followed.
- Only volunteers that are in PPE will be allowed to handle the coffin.
- Those attending the cemetery for a funeral must follow instructions given by our Volunteers.

These measures are being taken to ensure we protect our volunteers, cemetery workers and members of the public from infection. This will ensure we have volunteers to carry out this vital work, work effectively with the cemetery authorities and reduce the spread of this infection.

We understand that these are extremely difficult times for everyone and in particular the close relatives of the deceased. We are working hard to ensure that our loved ones are laid to rest with the respected Islamic protocols and at the same time ensuring the safety of all our volunteers. **This can only continue** to happen if the above regulations are adhered to at all times.

We are confident the community will understand and support us in these urgent matters. May Allah make it easy for us all.

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