

PFDA Member Samples of Social Media Postings on COVID-19

Special thanks to the following funeral homes for sharing what they have posted on social media to update their community on the precautions they are taking and how they are working to serve families during this challenging time.

If your funeral home would like to share your message to your community, please email it to james@pfda.org.

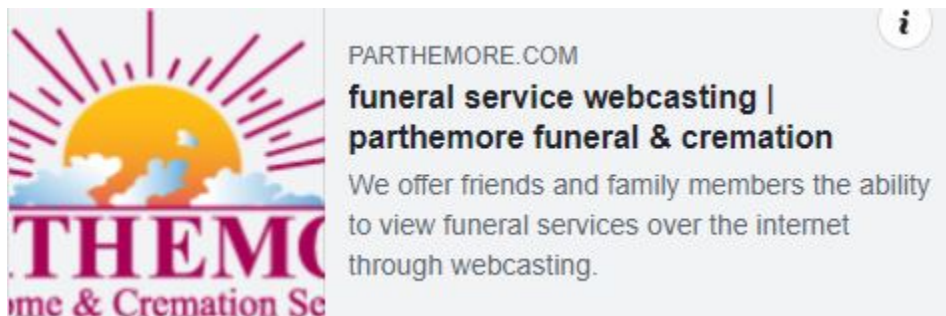
Parthemore Funeral Home

Due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) situation, some places of worship are suspending services, including funerals. In some cases, service arrangements are being changed.

We will post any service changes to the obituary listing on our website. Before attending a service, please check online to confirm service details.

We will continue to make our chapel available for services. In addition, we are able to provide webcasting, which enables the viewing of services held in our chapel over the internet.

Based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) we are sanitizing the facility after each service. We are committed to the health and well-being of the families we serve, our community and staff.



The image shows a screenshot of a social media post. On the left is the Parthemore Funeral Home logo, which features a stylized sun with rays rising over a horizon with clouds. Below the logo, the text 'THEMOR' is visible in large, bold, purple letters, and 'me & Cremation Se' is visible in smaller purple letters below it. To the right of the logo, the text reads: 'PARTHEMORE.COM', 'funeral service webcasting | parthemore funeral & cremation', and 'We offer friends and family members the ability to view funeral services over the internet through webcasting.' In the top right corner of the post area, there is a small circular icon containing the letter 'i'.

Jennings-Calvey Funeral and Cremation Services, Inc.

Jennings-Calvey Funeral and Cremation Services, Inc. is dedicated to the families that we serve and are taking every reasonable precaution to continue operations as usual. Hand sanitizers will be available on each table throughout the funeral home and callers are encouraged to use them liberally especially after contact with others and blowing one's nose. Of course, there is always a concern for those who are susceptible to illness with compromised immune systems and therefore we encourage you to use alternative methods of communicating your condolences to families.

We will be offering remote options for callers in the oncoming weeks, that will be at the discretion of the families, including but not limited to webcasting visitations and funeral services (where the venue allows) and accepting self-generated video transmitted condolences.

We will have more specifics as they develop. Jennings-Calvey will continue to meet and exceed the needs of our families and offer the highest level of services available. As always, please utilize the highest precautions when it comes to maintaining your health.

McCarty-Thomas Funeral Home

McCarty-Thomas Funeral Home remains committed, prepared and available 24/7 to safely care for the families we serve during the COVID-19 pandemic. Whenever possible, we will continue to enable families to participate in the rituals that are most important to them. The health and safety of all of our guests and staff is at the forefront of what we do as a funeral service provider.

At this time McCarty-Thomas Funeral Home will continue to assist families in our normal fashion. We want to assure you that we are taking all necessary steps to limit the spread of the virus and are taking preventative measures to keep our guests and funeral service team healthy and safe. We are fully up to date on all protocols and recommendations from the CDC. Questions? Call: 570-584-2981



Wiedeman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Inc.

In an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to maintain the highest degree of professionalism and dignity to the families we are privileged to serve, our funeral homes, in accordance with Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and PA Department of Health sets out the following guidelines.

IN THE EVENT OF A DEATH:

In the event of a residential death, nursing home, or hospice house. Our staff will continue to respond immediately, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We will respond ASAP to Hospitals once the deceased is released. Please do NOT message us VIA Facebook. If a death has occurred, please call the funeral home directly, our phone lines are answered 24/7. Steelton Location: 717-939-2344 Harrisburg Location: 717-564-1434.

The possibility exists for delay in release in the event of a Hospital Death. Our staff is fully trained and will work in conjunction with the hospital to transfer your loved one into our care as soon as possible.

PUBLIC VIEWINGS:

We will not be holding public viewings. We will limit viewings to immediate family members only.

DELAY IN SERVICES:

Human Remains, when embalmed, can be held by law for a period of 10 days before disposition (i.e. burial). If a deceased human being is held past 10 days, our funeral home will seek permission from the State Board of Funeral Directors. It is up to the State Board of Funeral Directors to grant to deny the delay in burial.

MEMORIAL SERVICES:

Public Memorial Services and Celebration of Life Services will be held at a later date.

CORONER'S OFFICES:

County Coroner's offices are still operational, but may have limited staff.

ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS – PRE-ARRANGEMENTS:

We will not be making any advance (pre-arrangements) unless it is an emergent situation. We are happy to set the appointments for dates after April 15, 2020.

FUNERAL MASS:

We received notification from the Diocese of Harrisburg that all churches are closed indefinitely. Priests will be available for private graveside services only. At later dates, when churches reopen, memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held.

We will do our absolute best to perform all interactions either by phone, email, or fax. One thing will NOT change, and that is the level of service we provide and the care and compassion that we have for your loved one and your family in their greatest time of need. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our funeral homes at Steelton Location 717-939-2344 or Harrisburg Location 717-564-1434.