

UPDATE: Guidance from Monday, July 19, 2021

Levayas (*lit. accompanying [the deceased]*) - The Funeral

These guidelines for funerals have changed to be in line with government guidelines published regarding the lifting of restrictions on 19 July 2021.

There are no longer restrictions on the numbers of people attending funerals. People must not attend if they:

- experience any of the common symptoms of Covid (cough, temperature, loss of smell/taste, headache, runny nose, sneezing, sore throat)
- have tested positive and are within their self-isolation period.
- have been asked to self-isolate/quarantine

Mourners who are asymptomatic but self-isolating, having been told to do so by NHS Test and Trace, can attend the levoya of their family member. However, they must advise the Burial office in advance of their intention to attend.

If you wish to livestream the funeral in order to allow others to be included, the funeral service can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

All funeral services will be held outdoors. Attendees are no longer required to wear masks. Everyone should wash their hands according to best practice immediately before and after the levoya. We request that eulogies do not total more than 10 minutes.

As all services are outdoors and to avoid overcrowding in the event that there is a service immediately before, we request that attendees remain in the car park and do not arrive at the prayer halls more than 15 minutes in advance of the funeral. Transportation assistance to the graveside cannot be guaranteed.

As mask wearing will no longer be compulsory, all attendees must use their own judgement on whether to wear a mask and socially distance.

Stonesettings (Hakamat Matzevot)

These guidelines for stonesettings have changed to be in line with government guidelines published regarding the lifting of restrictions on 19 July 2021.

There are no longer restrictions on the numbers of people attending stonesettings.

People, including mourners, must not attend if they:

- experience any of the common symptoms of Covid (cough, temperature, loss of smell/taste, headache, runny nose, sneezing, sore throat)
- have tested positive and are within their self-isolation period.
- have been asked to self-isolate/quarantine

If you wish to livestream the stonesetting in order to allow others to be included, the stonesetting service can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

All stonesettings services will be held outdoors. Attendees are no longer required to wear masks. Everyone should wash their hands according to best practice immediately before and after the stonesetting. We request that eulogies do not total more than 10 minutes.

As all services are outdoors and to avoid overcrowding in the event that there is a service immediately before, we request that attendees remain in the car park and do not arrive at the prayer halls more than 15 minutes in advance of the funeral.

Transportation assistance to the graveside cannot be guaranteed.

As mask wearing will no longer be compulsory, all attendees must use their own judgement on whether to wear a mask and socially distance.