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Levoyas (*lit. accompanying [the deceased]*) – The Funeral and Stonesettings (Hakamat Matzevot)

These guidelines for funerals and stonesettings have changed to be in line with government guidelines and the reopening of prayer halls in October 2021.

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

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 have tested positive for COVID or are self-isolating, having been told to do so by NHS Test and Trace, do have a Government approved exemption and are permitted to attend the levoya of their family member. In these circumstances, they must advise the Burial office in advance of their intention to attend. Unfortunately, this exemption does not extend to a stonesetting.

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

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

We will endeavour to hold funeral and stonesetting services indoors, with doors to the prayer halls remaining open to provide ventilation and allow those who may prefer to remain outdoors to hear. All attendees can use their own judgement on whether to wear a mask and socially distance. Everyone should wash their hands according to best practice immediately before and after the service. We request that eulogies do not total more than 10 minutes.

As doors to all prayer halls will be open during services, 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 service so as not to disturb any proceedings which may be taking place immediately before. We will endeavour to provide transportation assistance to the graveside however this cannot be guaranteed.

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