



MEMORIAL SERVICES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

As part of our continuing efforts to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) throughout the Community, the following restrictions are in place for all funeral services and planning

CONTACTING MEMORIAL SERVICES

The next of kin can contact Memorial Services at 480-278-7050 to notify Memorial Services staff of the passing of a loved one. The next of kin will need to provide the full name and birthdate of the loved one who has passed to begin the verification process. Families can schedule to:

- Meet via Skype with Memorial Services staff
- Meet over the phone with Memorial Services staff

TRADITIONAL PIPAASH CREMATION

Families must seek guidance from a traditional advisor. The family must notify Memorial Services staff if they are planning a Piipaash cremation.

SERVICES TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- No wakes, funerals or family meetings held at any tribal facility or at any home within the Community
- No set ups will be provided at the home
- No funeral announcements will be posted by Memorial Services staff. This is the responsibility of the family.

SERVICES PROVIDED DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- Graveside service at cemeteries ONLY (20 people maximum and services not to exceed 2 hours)
- 30 x 20 tent provided at cemetery
- 10 chairs spaced 6ft apart (Please do not move chairs and practice social distancing)
- Casket cart or table for urn
- Family and guests over the age of 7 years must wear masks
- Hand wash station, hand sanitizer, and port-a-john will be available
- If family wishes to hand dig grave, tools will be provided

Time Line of Memorial Services changes due to the following Emergency Declarations

- **3/17/20**– SRPMIC Council declared Emergency Declaration in Community
 - Memorial Services changed services to graveside ONLY (Limited to 20 people at services & up to 2 hours per services)
 - Encouraged wearing face masks
- **3/21/20**– SRPMIC Memorial Services closed facilities for all wake/funeral services due to Community Declaration
 - Stopped wake set ups at home and no family meetings at facilities
- **4/19/20**– 2nd Directive by SRPMIC Council: All individuals 7 years or age and older within the Community are required to wear a face mask outside their residence
 - Requiring all attending funeral services, must wear face masks
- **4/1/20**– 1st Directive by SRPMIC Council: Stay at home order and no public gatherings

Families needing Memorial Services assistance during this time may call Memorial Services at (480) 278-7050 to schedule an appointment.