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In the name of Allah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

***** URGENT & IMPORTANT ADVISORY *****

It is with a heavy heart and deep concern that the Muslim Mortuary & Cemetery Community (MMCC) would like to alert the community about the rapid increase of burials as a result of the pandemic. As of this writing, MMCC is processing **3 to 4 burials a day which is more than twice the average.**

The increased number of burials & the related logistics demand community's understanding and cooperation to mitigate the fatal risks associated with gatherings. Medical experts are expecting the number of fatalities increase in the coming weeks because of the winter break interactions. Hence, this urgent community advisory with a request for full compliance:

1. Only 10 family members of the deceased shall be allowed (in person) near the grave & they must wear mask & maintain 6 feet distance from each other.
2. ALL other family members must remain in their respective cars.
3. The dirt can only be thrown onto the casket (NOT into the grave).
4. Janaza prayer (in person) shall be allowed only for the 10 family members.
5. The casket shall be lowered in the grave mechanically. No family members shall be allowed to enter the grave as it used to be.

Because of the limited staffing at the Westminster Memorial Park, they can only guarantee a maximum of 2 burials per day, i.e. only when the above requirements are fully met. Hence, your cooperation is critical. Please note that your religious obligation is to bury the deceased Islamically & in a timely manner and that delaying a burial is highly discouraged.

[Click here to watch a conversation about the burial obligations in abnormal times](#), with Dr. Muzammil Siddiqi, Brs. Abdul Wahab & Rauf Patel, Board Members of MMCC. We ask that Masajid share this video with their respective communities and also with family and friends.

JazakAllahu Khayran - Wassalam

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