



A Message from the Staff of Ready Funeral & Cremation Services  
“CELEBRATING LIFE, SAFELY”

UPDATED February 2021 - At Ready Funeral & Cremation Services our priority is the safety, well-being and health of the families we serve, our dedicated professional staff, and our communities. With the state of COVID-19 constantly changing, we want to assure our community that we remain focused on providing safe, first-class, responsible service as we get through this together.

We recognize the value of gathering and supporting one another following a loss as a critical part of the grieving process. For this reason, we have measures in place to control the spread of COVID-19, and responsibly allow families to have public funerals, visitations, memorial services and gatherings. We assure you that while we create compassionate moments, we are also celebrating life and protecting people. Ready’s guarantees all families that we can respond to your unique requests—even in this challenging time.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES IN PLACE:**

Our locations will follow increased infection prevention and control precautions, per CDC/OSHA guidelines.

- We respectfully ask all individuals and employees entering our facilities to wear a face covering at all times.
- Courtesy sanitizing stations are available at all location entrances.
- We ask all families and individuals to assess their own health before visiting one of our facilities or attending a funeral.
- We have in-person and virtual funeral arrangement options.
- We are following current CDC and Vermont guidelines provided to us regarding number of attendees at any event\*. We recommend the 50-person limit for public on-site gatherings at our funeral home locations as our guiding principal. We will develop attendance guidelines and staffing requirements, unique to your event. \*The State of Vermont has exempted funerals from the public gathering ban. All events, public and private, will have restricted attendance based on space to accommodate social distancing requirements issued by the State of Vermont. Currently funeral homes and churches can operate at 50% capacity indoors and 150 outside.
- We are staggering on-site public gatherings. We will not have back-to-back or multiple services happening in one location at a time.

**ADDITIONAL SERVICES:**

- Preplanning: Our preplanning advisors are available to discuss final wishes at any of our funeral homes or at your residence—even on your outdoor porch. We also offer phone and virtual consultations.
- Docu-Sign: We can remotely obtain signatures from all parties electronically.
- Death announcements: Our website ([www.readyfuneral.com](http://www.readyfuneral.com)) are fully operational to announce current deaths and update future events. We can place the death notice or obituary, with photo, in the Burlington Free Press as well as other local and out-of-town publications.
- Share online condolences: Even if you cannot attend services in-person, you can still show your support by leaving a message on your loved one's online guestbook. To do so, navigate to [www.readyfuneral.com/obituaries](http://www.readyfuneral.com/obituaries), find or search your loved one's name, click their obituary, and then select "Guestbook."
- Send flowers: Consider sending flowers to our funeral home holding services, the church or the family residence.
- Technology capabilities: We have technology tools for online arrangement collaboration, service selection options, merchandise selections, obituary writing and death certificate completion and secure required cremation identification.

Finally, we are here to listen, guide and offer the best support we can to you and your loved ones. Serving you and being a part of this community is important to us and we take so much pride in your trust in us. We are still here for you. Please call if you have any questions or concerns and know we are all in this together, you are family!

To plan a meaningful tribute at one of our facilities, click below.  
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