

Registrar's Directive: Funeral attendance restricted to 15% indoors to a max of 50 people indoors or outdoors

Effective, Saturday, April 3, 2021

Funeral services in Ontario will be restricted to 15 per cent of capacity for an entire facility, with physical distancing, to a maximum of 50 people indoors or outdoors.

The indoor and outdoor limits cannot be combined to allow more than 50 people in total (not counting funeral staff). The restrictions go into place Saturday, as do the Government of Ontario's new COVID-19 restrictions announced today (Thursday afternoon).

Funeral-related receptions are not permitted indoors and are limited to five people outdoors. No food or drinks are permitted.

This Registrar's Directive covers all funerals and visitations regardless of the venue anywhere in Ontario.

The measures will be familiar as they match the current BAO restrictions listed in its Grey-Lockdown category. The difference being that it now covers all jurisdictions in the province.

[See our new BAO Chart on the next page.](#)

-Carey Smith, CEO/Registrar, BAO

Funeral Service Restrictions Effective April 3, 2021	Everywhere in Ontario
Numbers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 15% of capacity indoors with physical distancing ▪ MAXIMUM 50 people for the entire facility OR ▪ 50 people outdoors ▪ Total - Not combined ▪ No line-ups or 'cycling' of guests ▪ 1 entire group at one time
Staff Indoors	1 staff member for every 10 guests
Food/Drink	No food or drinks
Guest Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Screening & logging of guests ▪ Attendances scheduled by appointment only ▪ No line-ups or 'cycling' of guests ▪ 1 entire group at one time
Cemeteries (Can limit to less than these numbers.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 50 people outdoors with funeral director in charge ▪ 1 staff for 10 guests
Crematoriums and Alkaline Hydrolysis Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 15% people indoors with physical distancing to a MAXIMUM of 50 people OR ▪ 50 people outdoors ▪ Total - Not combined ▪ No line-ups or 'cycling' of guests ▪ 1 entire group at one time
All Funeral Services at Any Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wear a mask / Physical distancing of 2 metres between people / Wash your hands / Disinfect and clean facilities ▪ PLUS continuous cleaning of surfaces ▪ 15-minute interval between visitations for detailed disinfection of facility