

Hello Friends,
I hope everyone is staying healthy.

This is from NFDA Covid-19 Web page and the latest guidance:

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States Recommending Cremation Only

After initially stating that individuals who die of COVID-19 can only be cremated, the state of Nevada clarified and said, “Decedents with COVID-19 can be buried or cremated.”

Currently, NFDA is not aware of any state laws requiring cremation for the remains of a decedent who died of a communicable disease. There may be authority for a State Public Health Department to require cremation in case of communicable disease, but no law mandates it. Stay abreast of any rules and regulations that are required by your state.

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I have seen some recommendations that embalming be done with extra care and that the mere turning of a decedent can cause expulsion of air from the lungs...dangerous stuff. This would be an issue for any Funeral Director even when not doing an embalming...just dressing and casketing can cause issues.

I found this on Jewish News Syndicate and thought it might interest you: <https://www.jns.org/romania-jewish-community-given-rabbinical-permission-for-shabbat-burials/>

I'm doing the best I can to stay on top of these issues and guidance and relaying them to you.

Stay healthy

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