**Purpose:**

To help protect our maintenance personnel and the public from Covid-19 cross-contamination before, during, and after committal services.

A virus-contaminated surface is one identified route for the spread of respiratory diseases including coronavirus. **All surfaces** are *potentially* contaminated with Covid-19 until disinfected. All disinfected surfaces have the *potential* to become re-contaminated. Proper procedures should be followed in order to minimize the risk of human exposure to this virus.

**Equipment and Materials:**

**The availability of supplies is a fluid situation. If any recommended supplies are unavailable, the Market Director should be contacted for guidance.**

1. Soap and Water
2. Disposable gloves
3. EPA approved disinfectant(s) identified as effective against viral pathogens (<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2> or check package label and follow manufacturer’s directions for use)
4. Hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>)
5. Disinfectant wipes identified as effective against viral pathogens (see package label)

**General Recommended Strategies:**

1. Frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds is highly recommended as necessary for personal protection. The use of hand sanitizers between hand washings is also highly encouraged.
2. When feasible, maintenance workers should maintain a physical distance of at least 6 ft from others during all activities at work. This may necessitate staggered breaks and lunch times to ensure needed spacing.
3. Disposable gloves should be worn during set-up and break-down of graveside services. Disposable gloves must be properly removed and properly disposed of before eating, smoking, or touching any surface that needs to be maintained in a clean status (e.g., cell phones, vehicle interiors, restroom facilities, eating and common area surfaces).
4. Shared equipment (steering wheels, back hoe controls, etc.) should be wiped down with disinfectant wipes or disinfectant spray between operators. A container should be in each vehicle.
5. Only disinfectants identified as being effective against viral pathogens should be used (follow all label instructions on commercially available disinfectants). In general, a 10-minute contact time is required after spraying to ensure disinfection. Commonly used disinfectants for viral disinfection include:
6. Isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol or ethyl alcohol (ethanol) – at least 70% alcohol concentration (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>)
7. Bleach – 1/3 cup bleach/gal water (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>)
8. Lysol or similar products (<https://www.americanchemistry.com/Novel-Coronavirus-Fighting-Products-List.pdf>)

**Gravesite Set-up Guidance:**

Potential areas of contamination before and during services include the casket handles, chairs, flower containers, and pole tent standards or leg frames on the pull tents. Although preparations may differ somewhat among parks, these basic guidelines can be a foundational template.

1. All workers must wear disposable gloves:
2. During the entire set up procedure
3. When attaching trailers and loading/unloading vehicles for services
4. A recommendation of six *or less* well-spaced chairs are to be used for physical distancing purposes.
5. No fabric chair covers can be used due to the inability to disinfect.
6. Weather permitting, tent sides may be removed or raised to create more space for families.
7. After set-up is complete, the chairs, lowering device brake area, tent poles and/or frames must be disinfected and allowed to dry undisturbed for at least 10 minutes for effective results. A one-gallon hand pump garden sprayer can be used for efficient disinfectant application.
8. Disposable gloves should be removed properly (<https://youtu.be/S4gyNAsPCbU>) and disposed of in the proper manner (a leak-proof disposable plastic bag is recommended) before re-entering a vehicle. If returning to the maintenance facility, hands must be thoroughly washed with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

**Gravesite Break-Down Guidance:**

1. All workers must wear gloves during the entire break-down procedure. Touching your face, phone, or any other personal items must be avoided. Once leaving a vehicle, do not get back in until the entire process is completed to avoid contaminating the inside door, dash and steering area. If it is necessary to re-enter a vehicle prior to break-down completion, disposable gloves must first be removed and disposed of properly. A new pair of disposable gloves must be worn upon returning to continue the break-down.
2. Dismantle and secure the set-up devices as normal.
3. When break-down is completed, disposable gloves must be properly removed and disposed of (a leak-proof disposable plastic bag is recommended) before re-entering the vehicle. After unloading the vehicle/trailer at the maintenance facility, hands must be thoroughly washed with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
4. Backfilling and tamping the grave does not necessarily require disposable gloves. If any flowers are placed on the grave, gloves must be worn due to the potential of previous contamination.

**References**

1. EPA approved disinfectant(s) - <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>)
2. CDC bleach disinfectant and isopropyl alcohol disinfectant - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>)
3. ACC approved disinfectants - <https://www.americanchemistry.com/Novel-Coronavirus-Fighting-Products-List.pdf>
4. Glove removal video - <https://youtu.be/S4gyNAsPCbU>