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COVID-19 UPDATES

FEMA Funeral Assistance Program

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently announced the COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Program to help families pay funeral expenses associated with COVID-19 related deaths. For more information about the program, application requirements, and contact information, visit the [FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Website](#).

The [Virginia Department of Emergency Management](#) has posted additional information for individuals about the Funeral Assistance Program. To access resources and fact sheets, visit VDEM's [Disaster Grants page](#) (scroll down to "Funeral Assistance") or click on the links below:

- COVID-19 Funeral Assistance FAQs [PDF](#)
- FEMA Pandemic Funeral Assistance Grant for Individuals [PDF](#)
- FEMA Pandemic Funeral-Related Financial Assistance (Video) [Watch](#)

REMINDER: UPDATED REGULATIONS IN EFFECT AS OF MARCH 3, 2021

The Board recently completed a comprehensive review of two regulatory chapters, Chapter 20 Regulations Governing the Practice of Funeral Services, and Chapter 30 Regulations for Preneed Funeral Planning. Amendments to these regulations **became effective March 3, 2021.**

Updates to Regulations Governing the Practice of Funeral Services 18VAC65-20-10 et seq.

[Click here](#) to access a listing of the most notable regulatory changes to the Board's Regulations Governing the Practice of Funeral Services.

Updates to Regulations for Preneed Funeral Planning 18VAC65-30-10 et seq.

[Click here](#) to access a listing of the most notable regulatory changes to the Board's Regulations for Preneed Funeral Planning.

[Click here](#) to access the updated Preneed Q&A Disclosures for Consumers.

To access updated versions of the Board's Regulations Governing the Practice of Funeral Services and Regulations for Preneed Funeral Planning, visit the Board's [Laws and Regulations page](#).

Upcoming Board Meetings

July 13, 2021 (9:30 a.m.) – Quarterly Board Meeting
October 12, 2021 (9:30 a.m.) – Quarterly Board Meeting
To access meeting information, visit the Board's [Meetings & Minutes](#) page.

[Click here to access](#) recent newsletters and e-mails from the Board.

Be sure to check the Board's website often for updated news and information.

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