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Dear Funeral Directors/Arrangers,

This is Covid-19 update number 10. The last update was 5 August 2020.

**Relaxation of restrictions from 17 May 2021**

With the government removing the legally permitted number of mourners attending funerals we have worked with Wandsworth Council to agree on numbers permitted from Monday 17 May 2021.

**Putney Vale Crematorium (West Chapel)**

The number of mourners permitted in chapel will remain at 24 due to the risk assessment in place to ensure social distancing. It is unlikely that this will change until the next confirmed phase (Step 4) of the governments roadmap to lifting of restrictions.

**Grave side attendance**

The cap of 30 mourners will be lifted from 17 May 2021. However, mourners must continue to observe the government social distancing guidance that is in place on the day of the service. Our staff and grave digging staff will continue to carry out their duties as they have over the past 14 months and will expect space from both mourners and funeral staff to carry out these duties.

**Lateral Flow testing**

We would ask that you encourage mourners to take a lateral flow test before attending a funeral. Should a positive result be recorded then they must not attend and follow the guidance from the NHS/Public Health England.

**Face coverings**

Face coverings remain mandatory at funerals until further notice.

On behalf of the bereavement services team and Wandsworth Council we extend our thanks for your continued support at these times.

Take care and stay safe.

Kelvin.