

## **Evergreen Cemetery – COVID Policy**

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has created unusual and stressful issues for the Cemetery and Crematory. As an essential service to our community, we must continue to offer services in a safe and respectful manner while protecting the well-being of our employees and the families that depend upon us.

Evergreen Cemetery has taken the following steps to ensure as safe an environment as possible.

- The office is closed for visitation, but open for telephone and email inquiries. We have found that most requests can be addressed through a phone call or via email. This includes the sale of markers and monuments, grave and niche purchases, and crematory reservations.
- We have discontinued erecting tents for burial services as this encourages close gatherings.
- We have discontinued the interior use of the Crematory Chapel for Memorial Services; however, we do allow outdoor gatherings at a social distance.
- We ask that all persons attending a graveside service wear a face mask and maintain a safe social distance from others.
- While the cemetery is open for visitation, we strongly urge anyone visiting a grave to wear a face mask and to practice social distancing guidelines as prescribed by the State of Connecticut and CDC.

We appreciate your understanding and participation in our efforts to keep you, our employees, and all of your, and our, family members safe.

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