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## Area Funeral Homes Publish Guidelines for Public in Wakes and Services Gatherings

### *Lacerenza Funeral Home Shares Industry Preparations and Procedures*

**Stamford, CT.** As a member of the Connecticut Funeral Director's Association, Lacerenza Funeral Home is following the guidelines and protocols called for by the association to mitigate the effects of the coronavirus within its facility and to its visitors.

Wakes and funeral services are considered Large Community Gatherings, as designated by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). At times, several hundred people may visit a funeral home to attend services and pay their respects to the families of the deceased.

There are a number of protocols Lacerenza and others will be following to ensure the safety of all patrons.

First, Lacerenza will have ample supplies of hand sanitizers, soaps and disposable towels on site for customers and their guests. In addition, all public facing facilities- surfaces, counter tops, pens, moldings, doorknobs and the like, are wiped down each day. We spray or wipe and leave the anti-bacterial solutions on these surfaces to maximize its effect.

While it is customary- even encouraged- to shake hands, embrace, even kiss each other while greeting at these affairs, Lacerenza's strongly encourages guests to minimize hand-to-hand and intimate contact while at its facilities and attending services.

Lastly, know that Lacerenza Funeral Home and Crematory is observing all published guidelines by the industry associations and the CDC regarding handling the remains of any deceased person within its facility. The Directors and staff are observing the utmost caution and preparedness in removals, handling, embalming, prep and preparing for visitations.

In the coming weeks, the community will continue to see the cancellation of many public events, including large gatherings such as funerals. Please visit Lacerenza's website at [www.lacerenzafh.com](http://www.lacerenzafh.com) to avail yourselves of up-to-the date information, schedule changes and potentially cancellations. You can call the funeral home at 203-324-0158 as well for any questions or concerns, you or your families may have.

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*Lacerenza Funeral Home and Cremation Services is the area's longest-standing funeral home, established in 1926. Now in its fourth generation, Lacerenza's serves the communities of Stamford, Greenwich, Cos Cob, Darien, New Canaan and Norwalk as well as direct cremation services statewide.*